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## Britons die in Nile massacre

### Terrorists open fire as tourists arrive at Valley of the Queens

By Christopher Walker and Emad Mekay

AT LEAST 69 foreign tourists, including two Britons, were killed yesterday when terrorists armed with machineguns opened fire on tour buses in Egypt's Valley of the Queens. Six terrorists and three policemen were also reported to have died in a three-hour gunfight that followed the massacre outside the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

A further 16 critically injured tourists were flown to a military hospital in Cairo, 300 miles away, and another five Britons were still unaccounted for last night.

The attack — believed to have been carried out by Islamic militants — was the bloodiest blow yet to President Mubarak's moderate regime and it threatened to devastate the country's £1.7 billion tourist industry.

Tour operators all over the world were last night considering whether to pull out of Egypt and companies with visitors already there were offering to fly them home early. The Foreign Office warned people to avoid Luxor, which is now under curfew, saying it could not guarantee their safety there.

Egyptian officials said that the attackers, wearing black clothes similar to those worn by police, had burst into the courtyard of the 3,400-year-old desert temple near Luxor shortly after 9am and started firing indiscriminately on tourists when they climbed out of their buses. As the tourists ducked for cover, police guarding the site fired back.



Egyptian soldiers carry away the body of one of the six terrorists who were killed in their three-hour gun battle at the Temple of Hatshepsut

terrorist attack. We later saw at least 30 policemen rushing to the temple. It was all very chaotic.

Officials were unable to identify all of the tourist victims as many had left their passports at their hotels, but the Swiss Embassy in Cairo reported that 25 were Swiss, nine were Japanese, seven Germans, two British and a Bulgarian were among the dead. The Foreign Office confirmed that two Britons had been killed and there were

reports that a third had died. Four others were either missing or unaccounted for.

Luxor is used both as a base for tourists visiting the Pharaonic tombs in the Valley of the Kings and Queens on the west bank of the Nile and as a starting point for Nile cruises. About 250 boats are cruising the river at any one time, and many have shifted their base to Luxor from Cairo because of fears of attacks there.

Yesterday's attack came as the Egyptian tourism minis-

ter, Dr Mamdouh El Beltagi, was in London trying to boost the number of Britons visiting his country. He said: "We are shocked and we feel sorrow about what has happened today. I can't predict what is going to happen about tourism, but our Government is doing all it can to ensure travellers' safety."

But even as he spoke, tour operators were making arrangements to pull their customers out. Saga Holidays, which caters for the over-50s,

said it was bringing all clients out of the country and cancelling its flights to Egypt until further notice. Forty of its travellers were being flown to Cairo last night to await a flight to Heathrow tomorrow.

Thomson, which has 1,300 tourists in Egypt, said it was cancelling its three flights to the country tomorrow and was bringing home early anyone who did not want to stay. Thomas Cook said: "Anyone who wants to leave will be flown home early and anyone

due to travel can get their money back or transfer to another destination."

Up until yesterday, 34 foreigners had been killed in the terror campaign designed to force President Mubarak to accept the Islamic code Sharia. The deadliest attack was in April last year when 18 Greek tourists, who were mistaken for Israelis, were killed near the Pyramids of Giza.

### 18,000 women recalled for new tests

By Ian Murray  
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE accuracy of cervical smear tests was again in question last night after 18,000 women were warned that more than 3 per cent of them could wrongly have been given the all-clear.

This latest case comes from the pathology department of the Hospital of Saint Cross at Rugby in Warwickshire. A random check on 500 tests taken between January, 1995, and April of this year has discovered that 16 of the women should have been recalled because of abnormalities discovered on their slides.

This is the eighth case of failure by the smear test service since it was set up in 1988 and follows a damning report last month of incompetence by the service at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Instead of seeing 15,000 slides a year — as recommended under government guidelines — the Rugby unit was having to look at only 7,500. As a result the staff lacked the necessary practice at spotting the abnormalities.

Warwickshire Health Authority decided in May to move all the screening work to the Walgrave Hospital in Coventry and to carry out a random test of 500 slides from among the women who had been to the Rugby hospital over the previous three years.

This showed a worryingly high number of abnormalities had been missed so yesterday the decision was taken to reassess all 18,000. The reassessment is expected to take about three months.

"The vast majority of them are certain to be all right," a spokesman said. Women may call a 24-hour helpline on 0800 783 0520.

### MPs to question Jowell over ban

Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, will come under fire from a Commons watchdog over the decision to exempt Formula One from the EU tobacco sponsorship ban. MPs on the European Legislation Committee will interrogate her before deciding whether the issue should be debated in the Commons. **Page 2**

### Russian allies

Shell and BP yesterday announced alliances with Russian partners worth \$1.7 billion and aimed at developing huge gas reserves in Siberia. **Page 29**

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## Tories say league tables vindicate their policy

By John O'Leary and David Charter

TORIES claimed that their educational policies had been vindicated yesterday as categories of school created by the last Government in the teeth of Labour hostility dominated tables of those that had most improved.

Four city technology colleges appear in the 20 most improved schools in tables published today, while a third of those whose scores have risen for three successive years are grant maintained. Legislation to be introduced in the next few weeks will abolish grant maintained status.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, singled out three of the most-improved local authority schools for special praise and Ministers stressed the value to parents of listing more than one year's results.

But Stephen Dorrell, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said the tables showed that grant-maintained schools and city

technology colleges were among the best performing schools in England.

"Why does Mr Blunkett insist on destroying the grant-maintained system when the evidence points so unambiguously to its success?"

Of the 4,000 schools, 240 have shown increased GCSE scores every year since 1994. Seventy-four of those are grant maintained, although the sector represents less than a quarter of secondary schools. Harris City Technology College, Upper Norwood, south London, has shown the most improvement over the period, while three of the 15 CTCs also appear near the top of the improvement table.

Senior government sources denied any embarrassment over the composition of the list. "This is a good cross-section of schools of all categories in all areas of the country. Of course a representative proportion will be GM schools."

And opponents of Tory policy said the success of CTCs and grant maintained schools reflected the extra funding they received from the last Government and covert selection policies adopted by many schools. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "Local authority schools have not had a level playing field on which to compete with CTCs and grant maintained schools."

Other unions said the tables were misleading because they took no account of schools' intakes. David Hart, the general secretary of the Association of Head Teachers, said the tables were "dangerously unreliable" and regretted that the Government had persisted with a system of measurement which did not identify the best or worst GCSE results.

Almost 100 schools, three-quarters of them independent, saw all their candidates pass



"I'm happy with the school tables, it's the Premiership table I think is unreliable"

five high-grade GCSEs. Of them, Withington Girls' School, in Manchester, registered the highest A-level score.

Buckinghamshire, which still runs a grammar school system, tops the local authority table for the first time, after splitting from Milton Keynes Council in the Local Government Review in April.

The most improved local authority is the east London borough of Newham.

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### MI5 reveals secrets of the spies

CLASSIFIED MI5 files released yesterday describe how German spies used simple lemon juice and eau de cologne as "invisible" ink (Michael Evans writes). They even put a secret message on the skin of a Belgian woman.

The documents, the first MI5 files to be published in the organisation's 88-year history, were released by the Public Record Office at Kew. They underline the serious threat posed by German spies before and during the First World War. But MI5, then a tiny group broke up their network.

The files reveal that one spy had special codenames for warships — "Pirates of Penzance" for destroyers, and "Modern Eve" for new small cruisers. Another spy called battleships "Dutch cheese".

The files also reveal how Sinn Fein plotted to help German troops and arms land on the west coast of Ireland at the end of the war.

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## City high-flyer prepares to turn from Mammon

By Damian Whitworth

WHERE St Francis led, one of the City's highest-flying young executives is to follow. Jim O'Donnell, chief executive officer at HSBC James Capel, is to forsake the riches of an international stockbroking career to become a priest.

Mr O'Donnell, 36, a towering former American football player and native of New York, astonished colleagues when a memo announcing his career change was circulated yesterday.

There was general disbelief

laughter. He is hardly known for being spiritual, said one.

"The man himself was reluctant to discuss whether, like St Francis, his new life of poverty and prayer had followed a vision or if he had been thinking long and hard on Matthew's words about camels, eyes of needles, rich men and the Kingdom of Heaven.

The average earnings of a Catholic priest in the United States are \$10,000 (£5,950) a year, although board and lodging and a car are also provided. Mr O'Donnell now earns up to £1 million a year, including bonuses, so if he has wisely invested some of that

as he of all people should have done — he is unlikely to be too hard up. Mr O'Donnell cheerfully referred callers to a spokeswoman yesterday. "He is to pursue a vocation in the Catholic priesthood," she said. "It's a very personal decision."

Mr O'Donnell will relinquish his London post as chief executive of the equities division of the company, which is owned by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, at the end of next month.

He will then give up transatlantic hopping to continue as chief executive officer of HSBC Markets Inc in New

York until next summer when his religious career will begin in earnest, probably in America. "He's a giant," said Krishna Patel, his deputy, who will take over in the hot seat. "But he's a very gentle giant."

Bernard Asher, his chairman, said he would be sad to lose him. "But I am not losing him in the sense that one loses people to competitors or industry and so on."

"To lose someone to the church is rather unique. I think it is rather a tribute to have people working for you who have the strength of character to decide to go into the church."





# Finding the right punchline for an ethics girl

Madam Speaker, cried Simon Hughes, MP, yesterday, opening a Liberal Democrat-inspired debate on something or other. "We are the people's constructive opposition."

MPs headed in droves for the gangways and exits in a kind of panic. Journalists followed. If there is one thing worse than name-calling and vulgar abuse (which of course all MPs deplore) it is constructive opposition. All of us are in favour of reasonable debate, so long as we do not have to listen to it and to voice the word "reasonable" in the Commons chamber produces a similar effect to shouting "fire" in a crowded theatre.

Happily, the session preceding Mr Hughes's debate positively

bristled with anger, ambush, fear and loathing — and that was just between social security ministers in the same government. Principal protagonists in this puff-adders' nest are Harriet Harman, Secretary of State, and Frank Field, her Minister of State.

Something about the Social Security Secretary's karma whispers terror.

One way the merciless Field likes to terrorise his prey is to copy the technique of a snake stalking bird. Yesterday, Field never uttered, nor moved, until more than halfway through the session. He scarcely seemed to breathe, but stared immobile and unblinking in her direction. Once, after about half an hour of this war of nerves, Field

suddenly did move. I saw Harman flinch. But he was bluffing. He moved only to fetch himself a glass of water; then returned to his noiseless, serpentine vigil.

As a bird can be petrified by this icy aggression, so Harriet Harman seemed somewhat hypnotised, trance-like, as she spoke. Yesterday, with Field eyeballing remorselessly, her chirrup took a desperate edge. This may explain why she began intoning, like a mantra, the same eight words. Over and over again, in a sort of chant, she

droned, "Reforming the welfare-state-around-the-work-ethic".

We began waiting for the little ring on a bell, employed by adherents of the Shinto religion, apparently to bring the thing they chant for.

Richard Spring (C, W Suffolk) asked about help for the disabled.

Reforming the welfare-state-around-the-work-ethic" chanted Miss Harman. Ting we thought, Dennis Skinner (Lab, Bolton) called Labour's promise to stick to Tory spending plans a kind of "two-

year quarantine" for socialism.

reforming the welfare-state-around-the-work-ethic", chanted Harman. Ting.

Christopher Chope (C, Christchurch) mentioned single mothers

reforming the welfare-state-around-the-work-ethic", chanted Harman. Ting.

She is not the only culprit. Gordon Brown keeps grunting "an end-to-the-economics-of-boom-and-bust" (9 words) while Tony Blair is much given to "education (housing/health or whatever) for the many-and-not-the-few" (eight words).

Ting: Ting.

Maybe the Government has

embraced Shintoism, believing that to achieve their heart's desire all they need do is announce a review, then start chanting the appropriate eight or nine-word mantra over and over again — until the thing just happens, of its own accord.

Bafflement settles. Upon Madam Speaker it is closer to fury. Yesterday, asked by Norman Baker (Lib Dem, Lewes) how to persuade ministers to make announcements affecting his constituents in the chamber rather than Sunday newspapers, Miss Boothroyd deployed the habit angrily. He should put down a question at once, "seeking information as to how and why".

"It would be helpful to me in what I'm trying to do," she added with passion.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Hospitals cut back as debts mount up

More than half the 120 health authorities in Britain expect to end the financial year in debt, despite the extra £300 million the Government found for them last month, according to a survey by the NHS Confederation.

In order to try to make ends meet, 75 per cent of the overspending authorities are planning to cut services and 18 per cent are being forced to close hospital wards or units. In 46 per cent of hospitals, waiting times for non-emergency operations have been extended to the maximum 18 months.

### Treasury post

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has appointed John Major's former press secretary to a Treasury post. Gus O'Donnell is to be director of the Treasury's macroeconomic policy and prospects directorate. He replaces Sir Alan Budd, who has retired.

### Fees campaign

The Government is spending more than £400,000 on a publicity campaign to end confusion over the introduction of £1,000 university tuition fees. Students and parents will be advised to call a telephone advice line or apply for an information leaflet.

### Hospital pays

Carolann Paul, from Aberdeen, whose daughter Michelle, 15, died of liver failure after taking Ecstasy two years ago, won an out of court settlement from Aberdeen Hospital NHS Trust. The settlement was £10,000. Mrs Paul did not accept liability for her death.

### Quick brief

Clients will be able to brief barristers — without first paying for a solicitor under a pilot scheme launched today. The Bar Council's 12-month project involves seven advice bureaux, including Shelter, the housing charity, and 18 sets of chambers.

### £6m for estate

An estate in the Cairngorms foothills has been sold for an estimated £6 million to a Danish company, Danstrup Lund Holdings was confirmed as the buyer of the 42,000-acre Glenfeshie estate, where Landseer painted *Monarch of the Glen*.

### Heart pioneer

Billy Daine, 59, has left Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire 48 hours after becoming the first patient outside America to be given an operation where a tiny laser gun, inserted by a catheter, blasts the heart with beams to assist blood flow.

### Data charge

Simon Regan, publisher of the satirical magazine *Scallywag*, has appeared before magistrates in London charged with illegal possession of computer files containing personal information belonging to Michael Portillo, the former Defence Secretary.

### Go-to-jail card

The first prisoners arrived at Parc prison near Bridgend, South Wales, where each inmate is to be issued with a swipe card holding personal details. Computers control security. If the system and its back-ups all crash, then keys will be used.

## EU presses ahead with euro council

Brushing aside Britain's doubts, 11 member states voted to set up a body to help to bring in monetary union, reports Charles Bremner

BRITAIN and three smaller EU states were given a glimpse yesterday of life outside the single currency when the other 11 countries ignored their objections and pushed ahead with plans for a new council to manage the euro.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and finance ministers from Sweden, Denmark and Greece received a polite hearing when they complained about their Governments' likely exclusion from the new euro council, a body in which the countries due for monetary union plan to co-ordinate their policy. Though theoretically informal, the forum is likely to become a power centre, sapping the authority of the full 15-member Ecofin council.

Ministers reassured the outsiders that Ecofin would remain the forum for official business and lawmaking and they promised to keep them informed. However it was made clear that the best they could hope for was an observer's seat.

France took the strongest line against the "outs". Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the Finance Minister, said all 11 likely euro members backed the creation of a council. "Whatever happens, it will

come about, so it is better that we do it in an organised framework," he said.

The non-member four were "wrong to feel excluded", he said. Non-members on the verge of joining monetary union should be given special association, he said but the rules he proposed would exclude Britain unless it signed up to the exchange-rate mechanism or took steps to join the currency at a set date in the near future.

Mr Brown put his case to Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, in a private meeting, and won an assurance that Britain would not be cut out of decision-making. The Germans also said Britain would obviously have no vote when it came to running policy in the euro zone.

The Chancellor played down the skirmish, saying the "nobody pushed any proposals today to a final conclusion... I am quite satisfied that we are in a strong position to protect British interests."

The Scandinavian ministers took a sharper line, denouncing the euro council as a dangerous scheme that could divide the EU. Marianne Jelved, the Danish minister, said there was no provision in



Gordon Brown with Theo Waigel, German Finance Minister, who said Britain would not be cut out of decisions

the Maastricht treaty for the new body. "I fear the consequences will be a splitting of the union," she said.

The 15 ministers hope to settle the council squabble before next month's EU summit in Luxembourg. Further clearing the way for the

euro, they agreed yesterday that the currency's notes and coins would be introduced on January 1, 2002. This was the last possible date set by EU leaders in 1995. The ministers also approved a final design for the coins after restoring Greek, Spanish and Danish

islands that had not figured on the original etching on one side of the coins. "You need a magnifying glass to see them, but they're all there," said Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian minister.

The finance ministers were close to agreement last night

on a package of job-creating policies that EU leaders will launch at a summit in Luxembourg on Friday. Mr Brown hailed the summit package as a largely British-inspired effort that would create a "major breakthrough in the way that Europe looks at employment".

## Rebel MP renews his threat to Hague

By Nicholas Wood

WILLIAM HAGUE was facing a renewed threat of defection from Tory ranks over the single currency last night. The pro-Europe MP Peter Temple-Morris intends to tell local party workers that he will not be a Conservative candidate at the next election unless Mr Hague drops his opposition to the euro.

Mr Temple-Morris's threat came as a Tory peer who chaired one of the Conservatives' most influential think-tanks defected to the Liberal Democrats. Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, who, as Hugh Thomas, headed the Centre for Policy Studies for 11 years until 1990, said that he had become "ill at ease" with the party's policy on economic and monetary union. He said the party's attitude to the EU had "become ever more critical and sceptical".

Mr Temple-Morris will also tell his party in Leominster that if the Tories pursue a rabidly anti-European stance for the rest of this Parliament, he will resign the Tory whip and sit as an "Independent One-Nation Conservative". Last month Mr Temple-Morris only pulled back from defecting to Labour after a supportive intervention by Michael Heseltine.

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## Jowell faces censure over tobacco decision

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

TESSA JOWELL faces criticism tomorrow from a Commons watchdog over the Government's decision to exempt Formula One from the European Union's tobacco sponsorship ban.

MPs on the European Legislation Committee intend to interrogate the Public Health Minister on Britain's position on the EU directive before deciding whether the issue should be debated in the Commons. The move came as it emerged that the Government is now considering a compromise over the Formula One exemption which has provoked the most damaging political row since the election.

Health ministers are determined to ensure EU-wide agreement for a tobacco sponsorship ban at the next meeting of the council of ministers on December 4, but Britain's present position is for an indefinite exemption from the ban. One Whitehall official indicated yesterday that ministers may agree instead to an exemption of seven or even five years in order to save the directive.

"There is still two and a half weeks to go before the meeting next month," one official said. "Padraig Flynn [the EU Social Affairs Commissioner] made



Jowell: faces questions from committee of MPs

clear that he would not agree to a total exemption. But we hope to reach a common position on December 4."

Health officials have been talking to their European counterparts over the past few weeks in an attempt to reach agreement. But they point out that the directive is still being blocked by a minority of countries including Germany, Greece, Denmark, the Netherlands and Austria, which have different negotiating positions.

If agreement is reached in December the EU directive

would not come into effect until October 2001. Sports would then be given a further two years to replace their tobacco sponsors.

It is widely expected that the Labour dominated Commons European legislation committee will press for a Commons debate on tobacco sponsorship before the council of health ministers meeting on December 4.

The 16-member committee will Ms Jowell tomorrow over three key issues: whether a tobacco advertising ban goes against the objectives of a single market; what the full text of the directive is; and how the Government justifies its argument that 50,000 jobs are at risk.

Mr Jowell technically needs clearance from the committee before she can officially agree a deal over the EU directive on tobacco advertising next month. The committee has a duty to examine all draft laws from Brussels on behalf of Parliament. If they are unsatisfied with Ms Jowell's reason for the Formula One exemption, they can refuse to give the Minister clearance to sign up to the directive. The committee can then demand a full debate in the House or in committee before any deal is done.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

**Hospitals cut back as debts mount up**

More than 100 hospitals are facing cuts in services as the government's health budget is slashed. The cuts are expected to affect a wide range of services, including elective surgery, cancer treatment and mental health care.

**Treasury post**

The Treasury has announced a new post for a senior official to oversee the government's financial strategy. The post is expected to be filled by a senior civil servant with extensive experience in financial matters.

**Fees campaign**

A campaign to reduce the fees charged by private hospitals has been launched. The campaign is led by a group of consumer activists who are calling for greater transparency and fairness in the private health care system.

**Hospital pay**

Doctors and nurses at a major London hospital have agreed a new pay deal. The deal includes a 3 per cent increase in salaries and improved conditions of service.

**Quick brief**

A series of short news items covering a range of topics, including a new study on the effects of stress, a report on the state of the economy, and a preview of the upcoming Christmas season.

**£6m for estate**

A man has been awarded a £6 million settlement in a long-running legal case. The settlement is the result of a court ruling in favour of the claimant, who had been fighting the case for several years.

**Heart pioneer**

A pioneer in the field of heart surgery has been honoured for his contributions to the medical profession. The honour is a recognition of his many years of dedicated service and his role in advancing the field of cardiac surgery.

**Data charge**

A new charge for the use of data has been introduced by a government department. The charge is intended to encourage more responsible use of data and to generate revenue for the department.

**Go-to-jail card**

A new 'go-to-jail' card has been issued by a local authority. The card is intended to be used by individuals who are unable to pay their council tax, as a means of enforcing payment.

# Peacekeeper 'came home to kill'

A squadron leader is accused of murdering his wife then faking a car crash because he had fallen for his interpreter in Bosnia. Michael Horsnell reports



Bertrand du Pasquier said to have seen letters

IT LOOKED like an horrific car accident when a squadron leader's wife died during an evening out with her husband after he had returned from peacekeeping duties in Bosnia. Carol Tucker, 32, was found face down in a river. Her husband lay nearby with a minor wound on his forehead.

But the accident near their home at Hornington, Suffolk, was faked, a court was told yesterday. Nicholas Tucker had first strangled his wife then left her in the water, because he had been having an affair with a blonde interpreter half his age during his service in the war zone.

Unknown to his family, he had made a secret trip to London during his Bosnian service, bringing his young mistress for a stay at the Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly, the jury was told.

David Stokes, QC, for the prosecution, told Norwich Crown Court that, even when Mr Tucker, 46, was on bail accused of murder, he had booked an air ticket for Dijana Dudokovic, 21, to fly from Belgrade to Zurich. Mr Stokes said: "The Crown's case is he murdered his wife as he was infatuated by a much younger woman with whom he had been carrying on an illicit affair. So intense was it, it affected the operational effectiveness of his team."

Squadron Leader Tucker denies murder. He has a daughter, Vanessa, 19, and son James, 15, and was assigned to Bosnia as a UN

military observer in January 1995 on a six-month tour of duty which he sought to have extended. There was no fighting where he was stationed in the northern sector of the war zone, with a Royal Marine officer and two interpreters, including Miss Dudokovic.

Mr Stokes said that, on June 15, 1995, Miss Dudokovic was granted a visa to visit Britain. A letter written by Squadron Leader Tucker on a United Nations Protection Force notepad supported her application, guaranteeing that he would accept responsibility for her and that she would stay at his home.

But after flying from Belgrade to Heathrow, she stayed with him at the RAF Club where the couple were spotted by a colleague, Flight Lieutenant Geraldine Morris, who told the court that the Squad-

ron Leader Tucker did not respond to her smile: "He was with a woman in her 20s, five feet eight or five feet nine, very slim, very attractive with long, blonde curly hair."

He returned to Bosnia and then came home again. During that time, he had been to see a doctor and complained of "genital discomfort". He said that he had last had sex two weeks earlier with his Serbian girlfriend. Prior to that, he had not had sex for two years.

Mr Stokes said: "During that time he made a number of telephone calls to Bertrand du Pasquier in Geneva, who was accommodating Miss Dudokovic at his address, and he saw letters proclaiming love from this defendant for this girl. It may be his feelings were not reciprocated and she may have been using him. That is the way of the world."

On July 21, 1995, the day his wife was to die, the squadron leader had allegedly made a 38-minute telephone call to his mistress after Mrs Tucker had left for work at a garage. That evening, he took his wife to the Red Lion at Iddington - "a curious choice," said Mr Stokes, because Mrs Tucker was not impressed by the establishment.

The couple allegedly left the pub at 10pm, though it could have been earlier, and there was a gap between their departure and the discovery of their Ford Fiesta in the River Lark by the A10.

Squadron Leader Tucker was later to tell police that he swerved to avoid deer on the road. "The prosecution case is that the defendant deliberately drove his car into the river," said Mr Stokes.

According to the squadron leader, he swerved at 30 miles an hour, but an accident investigating officer estimated the speed at 10 miles an hour. A cyclist saw the car at about 10.40pm and alerted police. Minutes later, he and a motorist heard a groaning sound, and found the husband lying outside the car with his head just above the water. When they pulled him clear he was shouting "Carol, Carol". His wife's body was found submerged under the bridge.



Nicholas Tucker: the court heard he did not return the smile of a female comrade when she saw him with blonde

Later, at West Suffolk Hospital, the court was told, a police officer heard Squadron Leader Tucker crying out: "If only I hadn't told her to jump."

Mr Stokes told the jury that the defendant could not explain how his blood was on the passenger side door and by the rear passenger window. David Harrison, a Home

Office pathologist, found bruising on the dead woman's chest consistent with finger pressure, grip marks, abrasions and pinpoint haemorrhages in the eyes consistent with asphyxia. Mr Stokes said: "She was put into the river by her husband, but before he did so he applied pressure to her neck. Whether

that rendered her unconscious cannot be ascertained."

Squadron Leader Tucker was arrested on August 18 - six days after he had drawn 1,000 German Marks in cash from a bank, and after he had contacted both the Immigration Advisory Service and the Refugee Legal Centre on an asylum matter. Released on

bail, he made inquiries on December 18, 1995, at a travel agency where, using the false name of Jack Drayer, he was said to have bought a £421 return air ticket for Miss Dudokovic to fly from Belgrade to Zurich. The case continues today when the jury will visit the scene of the crash.

## Briton shot in Bahamas for sake of a gold chain

Robbers killed tourist as he left island restaurant, reports Emma Wilkins

A BRITISH businessman was shot dead in front of his wife during a street robbery while on holiday in the Bahamas.

Jonathan Porton, 41, was killed by robbers who took only a small gold chain, according to his wife, Shelley. Mr Porton, his wife and another couple were attacked by two armed, masked robbers as they left the Stone Crab restaurant in Freeport, Grand Bahamas on Thursday. He was shot in the heart at close range as he tried to protect the other couple.

Mr Portman, whose family owned businesses in the North

East of England, was born in Leeds and went to Thornhill School in Sunderland. His body was flown to Leeds yesterday.

The Portons, who emigrated to Portugal 11 years ago, had two children, Hayley, 15 and Daniel, 12. Mrs Porton flew to Britain at the weekend with her children after the murder.

The children were staying on Grand Bahama with their parents and Mr Porton's mother, Josephine, but did not see the shooting.

Mrs Porton said: "We were getting into the car when two men in balaclavas told us to

hand over our money and valuables. It was horrific. Jonathan went to help one of our friends who was struggling with the robbers. He pushed him back and shot him in the heart. They then tried to force us back into the car and drive off with us inside. But instead they ran off. All they took was a gold chain."

"My children are devastated and I have no idea what we are going to do. I have lost one of the most precious things to me, for a small gold chain. It seems so senseless and cruel."

Mr Porton was a well-

known businessman in the North East, where his family owned Lerman's, a toy company. When his uncle, Leonard Lerman, retired in 1986, Mr Porton left Britain for Val de Loba, Portugal.

A former Durham county squash player, Mr Portman opened a squash club in the Algarve and developed a chain of eight restaurants called Julia's Beach.

Jonathan Jackson, 45, Mr Portman's cousin, said: "He was a lovely man, larger than life, and had so many friends. I don't know how his family will cope, it's tragic."

John Rolles, Commissioner of Police in Freeport, said he wanted to reassure visitors that attacks on tourists were extremely rare. "It was an isolated and random incident. The Bahamas is a peaceful and beautiful place. Like any other city we have our problems but we look after tourists. They are welcome here."

The victim was not targeted as a tourist. There were other people in the restaurant - natives and tourists - it just so happened that the robbers were there when these people came out," he said.

The Foreign Office said there was no particular travel advice for British holidaymakers visiting the Bahamas because the islands had no history of violence towards tourists.



Jonathan and Shelley Porton were attacked by robbers as they left a restaurant

## Tearful fiancé threw ring in sea

By SIMON DE BRUNELLES

A DISGRUNTLED bachelor whose fiancée forgot his birthday appeared in court yesterday after he took her £2,000 diamond engagement ring and threw it into the sea.

Simon Bills-Holland, 32, was charged with theft. But a judge took pity on him after hearing that he was still paying for the 18-carat gold ring. The court heard that Bills-Holland, an engineer, became upset when Rita Seamark forgot his birthday.

Nicola Harris, for the prosecution,

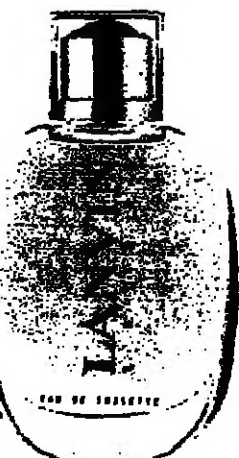
said: "He visited Miss Seamark on his birthday and had plans for the day. It was apparent that she had forgotten his special day and he became upset. He took the engagement ring from her jewellery box and left. Miss Seamark noticed he seemed to be sad. She later discovered the ring was missing."

Cardiff Crown Court was told that Bills-Holland drove to a cliff top at Lavernock, South Glamorgan, where he broke down in tears. He threw the ring, encrusted with 14 diamonds, into the Bristol Channel. Miss Seamark, 33, called the police, saying the ring

had been stolen, and Bills-Holland was arrested. He confessed to taking it, saying he was desperately upset about his forgotten birthday. Police divers searched for it, but to no avail.

Bills-Holland, of Barry, South Glamorgan, admitted theft. He was given a conditional discharge by Judge Michael Gibbon and ordered to pay £30 costs. The court heard that the couple had broken off their engagement.

After the hearing, Bills-Holland said: "I've had enough of the female of the species for now. This has taught me a lesson."



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PARFUMS



# Clegg was convicted over wrong bullet, appeal told

Protesters removed from hearing as paratrooper makes his third appeal over girl he shot dead in stolen car, reports Martin Fletcher

LEE CLEGG, the paratrooper convicted of murdering a teenage joyrider in Belfast, was found guilty on the evidence of the wrong bullet, it was claimed yesterday.

As the High Court in Belfast began hearing a third attempt to clear his name, his lawyers said that he had been sentenced after a ruling that the bullet which killed 18-year-old Karen Reilly had been fired into the back of the car and was therefore an excessive use of force.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, said that tests had since shown that the bullet would have fragmented before reaching Miss Reilly in the back seat, so that fatal shot must have been one of three which Clegg fired into the side of the car in legitimate self-defence.

The first day of what is

expected to be a week-long hearing was briefly disrupted by republican demonstrators who stood and shouted slogans such as "Free republican prisoners", "Double standards" and "No justice, no peace", before being forcibly removed from the public gallery.

Clegg, a member of the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment, was part of an patrol that opened fire on a stolen Vauxhall Astra as it accelerated through a West Belfast checkpoint in September 1990. Miss Reilly and the 17-year-old driver, Martin Peake, both died.

It was later established that she was killed by one of four bullets fired by Clegg.

He was charged with murder and tried without a jury. A judge sentenced him to life



Karen Reilly: parents in court

imprisonment in 1993. Clegg was released on licence to resume his army career in 1995, following a huge public campaign in Britain which triggered riots in nationalist areas.

The Court of Appeal and House of Lords dismissed his first two attempts to have his conviction overturned, but earlier this year Sir Patrick Mayhew, then Northern Ireland Secretary, granted him leave to appeal a third time.

Clegg, now 29 and an army PT instructor at Catterick, North Yorkshire, was not in court yesterday. However his parents were present, as were Miss Reilly's parents.

Mr Scrivener said that Clegg had been convicted "on the basis of opinions without any expert ever having conducted a single test". Neither the prosecution nor the defence had tested the opinion of a forensic expert.

For the appeal, he said, the defence had since "instructed a forensic expert to carry out a series of tests, firing bullets at an identical Astra car to see what results were achieved". The basis of the conviction was that the fatal bullet had gone through the back of the car.

A bullet did go through the back, but that bullet would have fragmented and could not have killed Karen Reilly. The fatal bullet went sideways through the rear passenger door, Mr Scrivener said.

Reginald Weir, the Crown counsel, said: "The whole new theory is so inherently improbable that it just doesn't stack up with other evidence." The hearing continues.



Lee Clegg: jailed for life but freed on licence after public campaign

## PC guilty of kicking student 20 times

By STEWART TENDLER

A POLICEMAN who kicked a student 20 times after a disturbance at a pub was convicted at the Old Bailey yesterday of assault and affray.

PC Paul Evans, 32, was found guilty of assaulting Ben Swarbrick in May 1994 when officers from Stoke Newington police station, in North London, were called out to an incident at the Putlog pub.

Mr Swarbrick told the court that Evans told him to turn away in the station yard and then began to kick him. He told the officer that he wanted to see his face and said that Evans had replied: "You'll remember my face until the day you die, and that is going to be very soon."

Evans, who has been a policeman for ten years, assured the court that he was a "tolerant, liberal-minded person". He will be sentenced today.

Six other officers, acquitted of various charges including conspiring to pervert the course of justice, have been suspended.

## Minister says smoking costs NHS £1.7bn

By IAN MURRAY  
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

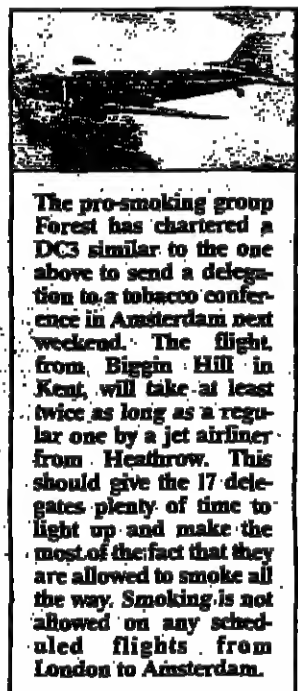
SMOKING costs the health service up to £1.7 billion a year, Tessa Jowell said yesterday. The Public Health Minister, who this month announced the decision to allow continuing tobacco sponsorship of Formula One racing, said the figures underlined the case for early European Union legislation to end advertising by the industry.

"Costs of between £1.4 billion and £1.7 billion a year are an appalling drain on the NHS, and an enormous human cost to smokers and their families," she said. The new calculation of smoking costs, by the Centre for Health Economics at the University of York, contrasts with earlier Government estimates of £610 million a year.

Smokers in Britain spend £12 billion a year buying tobacco products, and the Government receives £10.25 billion of this in duty, up from £9.82 billion last year. A further £560 million is collected in corporation tax, business rates, income tax on wages of the 148,000 staff and VAT. The tobacco industry also has a £593 million positive balance of trade, making it one of the top export earners.

The Department of Health said: "The allocation of resources is a Treasury matter. All we can say is what smoking costs the NHS and draw attention to the amount of human suffering it entails."

The new study estimates that an average health authority will expect to spend about £14 million a year treating smokers, including £2.5 million on GP visits and £1.5 million on prescriptions.



The pro-smoking group Forest has chartered a DC3 similar to the one above to send a delegation to a tobacco conference in Amsterdam next weekend. The flight, from Biggin Hill in Kent, will take at least twice as long as a regular one by a jet airliner from Heathrow. This should give the 17 delegates plenty of time to light up and make the most of the fact that they are allowed to smoke all the way. Smoking is not allowed on any scheduled flights from London to Amsterdam.

These figures show why we need tough action at both a domestic and European level to bring down rates of smoking, especially among the young," she said. "A Government White Paper, produced next year, will spell out a comprehensive range of measures."

She said give-up-smoking competitions, counselling and nicotine replacement therapy would form part of the Government's strategy. She claimed that smoking and passive smoking could lead to heart and lung problems not just for adults but for children and babies, who had a 72 per cent increased risk of respiratory disease if their mother smoked.

## Cash freeze puts RSC into red

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

THE Prince of Wales blamed freezes on government funding to the arts yesterday for reducing the Royal Shakespeare Company to a state of "perpetual crisis management" and plunging it into debt for the first time in four years.

Chairing the annual general meeting of the RSC, of which he is president, at its base in Stratford-upon-Avon, the Prince sympathised with the "day-to-day frustrations and difficulties" brought on the company by the freezing of Arts Council funding at 1993-94 levels.

He spoke after Sir Geoffrey Cess, chairman of the council of the RSC, had given details of the company's annual report. Reduced box office takings, lower attendance at Les Misérables, the RSC's cash cow of recent years, and the erosion of government funds as a proportion of total funding, had all contributed to a trading loss of £1.8 million in 1996-97.

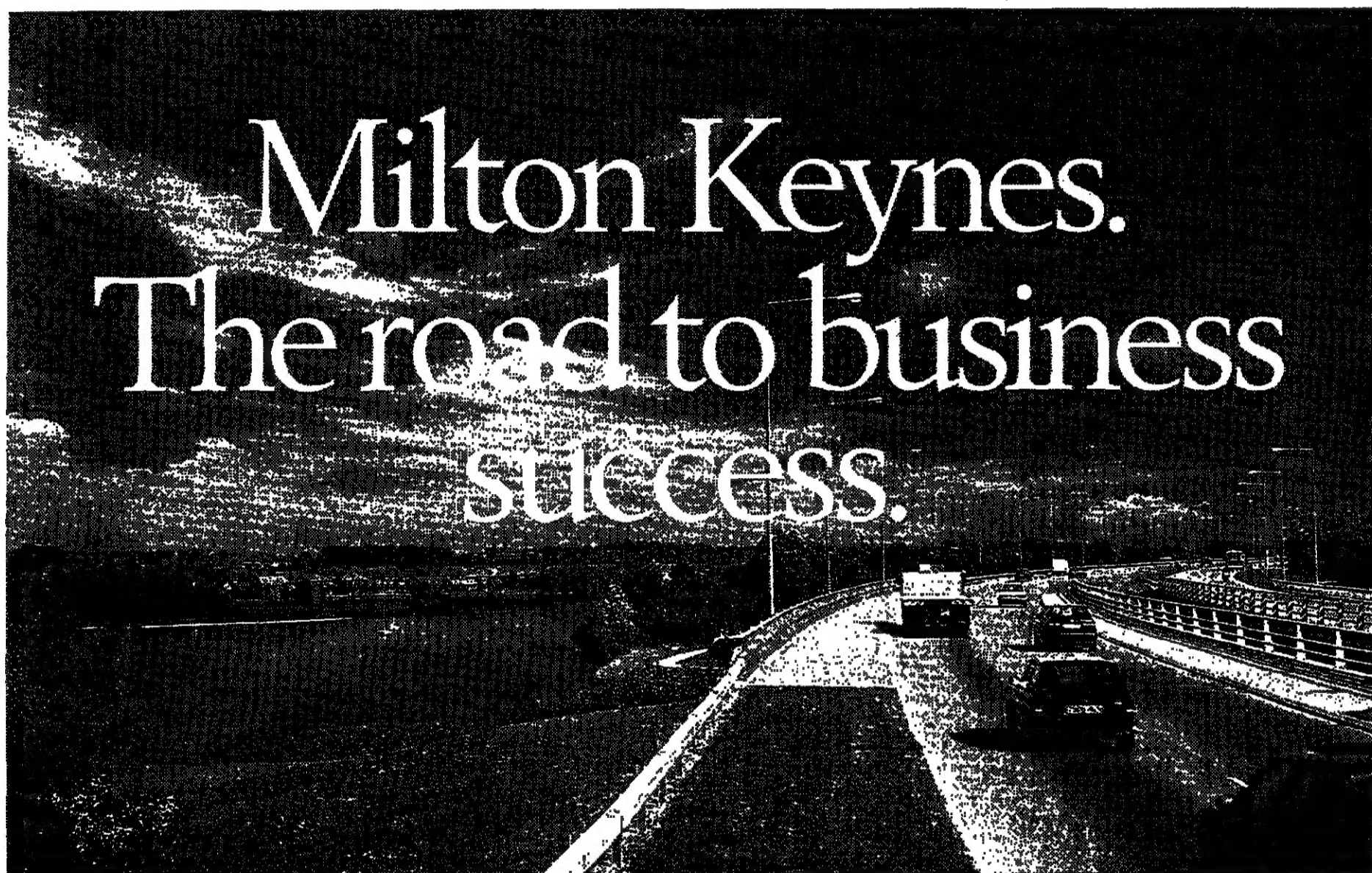
Having begun the year in credit, the RSC now stands £1.6 million in the red. Sir Geoffrey said that the deficit was still manageable but could be completely wiped

out if the Government unfroze their grant. In September the RSC submitted a bid for Lottery money to fund a feasibility study into a £75 million redevelopment of the RSC Stratford headquarters. Should that go ahead, it would be one of the biggest arts capital projects outside London.

The company, however, is pessimistic about having its Arts Council grant unfrozen when it comes up for review at the beginning of December. A spokesman for the company said that "all the signals we are getting are that the Treasury is not keen on increasing art subsidies".

The RSC is nonetheless continuing an aggressive programme of touring in Britain and internationally. Next spring the company will transfer for three weeks to the Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York and for four weeks to the Kennedy Centre in Washington DC.

The tour will be funded by American promoters who will underwrite any losses should they arise. It is hoped that the tour will encourage more American tourists in Britain to visit the RSC.



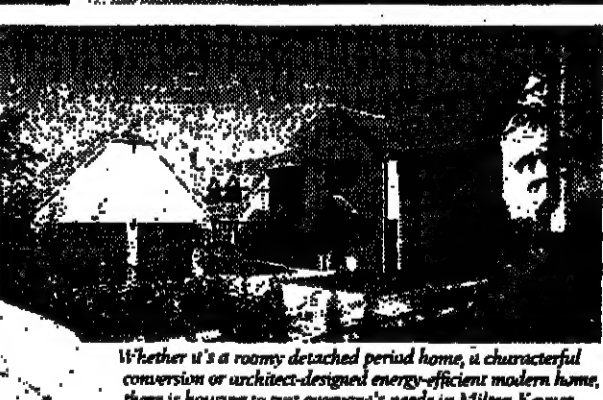
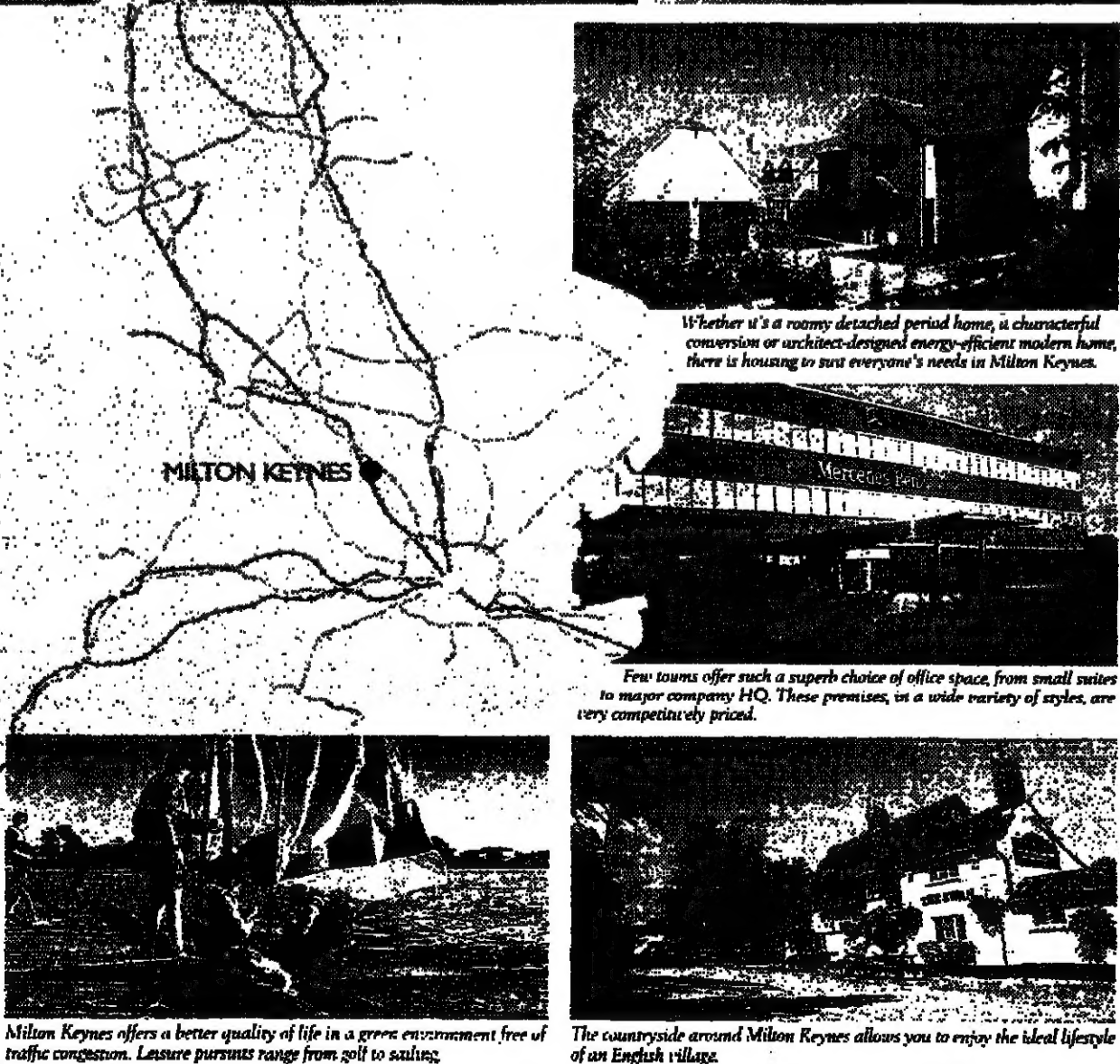
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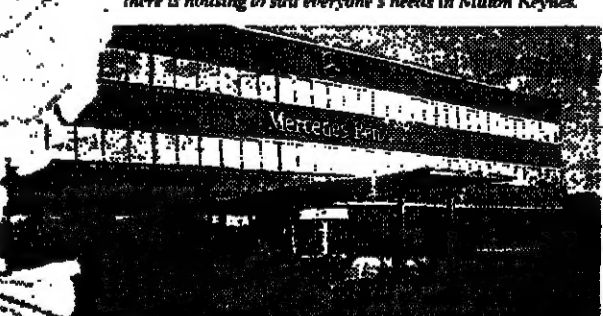
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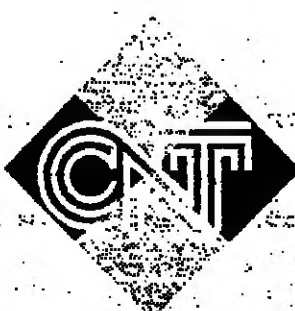
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# 'C guilty kicking student 10 times

By SEAMUS TENDLER

**CLICEMAN** who kicked a girl 20 times after a dispute at a pub was convicted of assault yesterday. Paul Evans, 32, was found guilty of assaulting Benjamin in May 1994 when he was 15 years old. Evans was sentenced to 12 months in prison. The 14-year-old was killed while walking a neighbour's dog along a country lane just 300 yards from her home in Exwick on the outskirts of Exeter on Saturday evening. More than 100 officers have been drafted in to help search for the killer. Detectives believe the attack may have been sexually motivated and fear he may strike again.

## Cold-blooded killer cut schoolgirl's throat

More than 100 police join hunt for attacker, reports Simon de Bruxelles

**SCHOOLGIRL** Kate Bushell had her throat cut by a "cold-blooded, calculating" killer who probably lay in wait for her, police disclosed yesterday. The 14-year-old was killed while walking a neighbour's dog along a country lane just 300 yards from her home in Exwick on the outskirts of Exeter on Saturday evening. More than 100 officers have been drafted in to help search for the killer. Detectives believe the attack may have been sexually motivated and fear he may strike again.



A policewoman watches as pupils arrive at St Thomas's High School in Exeter yesterday

Police have called in a specialist "crime profiler", a behavioural psychologist, who will help draw up a profile of the killer's personality. Detective Superintendent Michael Stephens, who is leading the murder hunt, said Kate was seen by a woman motorist walking down Exwick Lane at around 5pm on Saturday. At 7.35pm her father, Jeremy, found Kate's body in a field near a stile, her throat

"ripped" open. Mr Stephens said: "Kate was killed by a sharp instrument, possibly a knife, cutting through her throat. We have not ruled out a sexual motive to this horrific crime. This was a premeditated attack by someone who has control of themselves and control of the victim. This was obviously a ruthless attack." Officers are appealing for

other injuries. Gemma, the Jack Russell that Kate had taken for a walk, was returned to her owners yesterday after being examined by a vet. Mr Stephens appealed for anyone who may have seen anything suspicious to come forward. He said: "We have been told more than 100 people a day use the lane for walking, exercising dogs, or as a short cut. We need to know about some suspicious people seen in the area in the last weeks or months. "We are asking members of the public to check their bins for anything that could be thrown away such as a knife or bloodstained clothing. We have had dozens of calls which have included various reports of suspicious people seen in the area. These are being investigated and some have been resolved." Detective Chief Inspector Paul Davies, second-in-command of the inquiry, said: "This was a cold, calculating,



Kate Bushell, circled, with some of her classmates on a school trip last year. She was a devout church-goer

ruthless attack. It could have been somebody who followed her for some distance or been in the lane." He said all sex attacks in Exeter in the past five years were being checked and a

profiler was to join the inquiry later this week. Kate, a talented musician and devout church-goer, left her home in Burrator Drive at 4.30pm and headed for the lane which runs behind a

training centre for the Guide Dogs for the Blind at Cleve House. Her mother Susan, 41, father and brother Tim, 16, were being comforted at their home last night by specially-trained police family liaison

teams. Mr Bushell, 44, who took early retirement from his job in local government to become a full-time missionary and charity worker, had recently returned from a trip delivering aid to Bosnia.

# r says costs 1.7bn

By SEAMUS TENDLER

The pre-mocking group has chartered a DC3 similar to the one shown in word a delegation to a tobacco conference in Amsterdam next week. The flight from Exeter to Amsterdam will take at least 12 hours as a result of the jet's fuel tank. The group, headed by Mr. Heath, is expected to arrive in Amsterdam on Monday. The group is expected to arrive in Amsterdam on Monday. The group is expected to arrive in Amsterdam on Monday.

## Fearful school friends sent home in buses

By JOANNA BALE

**CLASSMATES** of the murdered teenager Kate Bushell were given buses home from school yesterday amid fears that her killer could strike again. They also received counselling from a team of eight specially trained teachers as they struggled to come to terms with the crime. Many pupils arriving at St Thomas's High School in Exeter for the first time since her murder, wept as they placed floral tributes at the gates. One read: "It shouldn't happen to anyone, least of all you. We should all be safe around here. God's got a new angel now." Another said: "Thinking of your family at this tragic time." It was signed simply "a mum".

Steve Maddern, the head teacher, said that the school had many received messages of sympathy. He said: "The whole country is thinking about Kate and her family and the school." He added that some pupils had been very upset and one had asked to go home. "It has been a very, very sad day. We need time to share our grief together. We need to pull together to get through this situation. The police have spoken to the pupils and additional buses are being put on into the area where Kate was killed to reduce the number of students on the streets."

Mr Maddern, who became head teacher ten weeks ago, added: "It is an awful situation for us to face. But this is a close-knit community and school." Pupils had approached him to discuss a suitable memorial. "Obviously the pupils in Year 9 who were close friends of Kate's will be feeling her loss the most but her death has affected pupils and staff throughout the school."

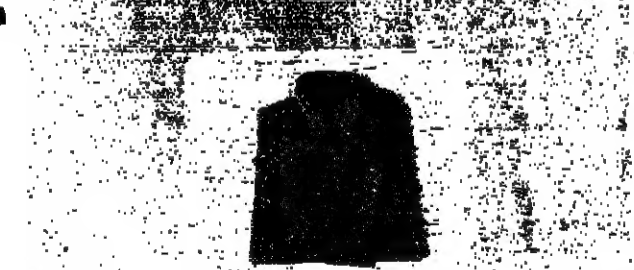
He added: "As a committed Christian it was appropriate that prayers were read for Kate today by some of her friends from the Isca Christian Fellowship and Initiative in Christian Education [local evangelical groups] at this morning's assemblies. "We will all remember Kate as someone who did the right things and always had a smile on her face. "It is right for us all to shed a tear and to be angry about the way Kate died and for us to pray that the police will find her killer as soon as possible."

# ze puts to red

By SEAMUS TENDLER

at the Government under their grant in September the RSC submitted a bid for lottery money to fund a new theatre. The bid was successful and the RSC will receive a £7.5 million redevelopment of the RSC Stratford headquarters. Should that go ahead it would be one of the biggest capital projects outside London. The company, however, is pessimistic about having its financial grant renewed when it comes up for review in the beginning of December. A spokesman for the company said that "all the signs are pointing to the fact that the Treasury is not keen on increasing art subsidies."

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# BA flies into Europe with no-frills service

BRITISH Airways is to take on the cut-price, no-frills rivals by reducing fares below £100 on some of the most competitive routes in Europe.

The move brings one of the world's biggest players into a market that has been dominated by small companies offering fares as low as £19 on some domestic routes. BA is drawing up plans to introduce a service, independent of its main global operation, to some of the most popular destinations in Europe.

The highly competitive "no frills" sector, which offers no in-flight food or entertainment, has seen the number of passengers increase by more than 30 per cent on some routes over the past two years.

The new service, operating from Stansted airport in Essex, will fly to Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, France and Germany, although specific cities have not yet been announced. Cut-price routes include Nice, Amsterdam and Barcelona have frequently been pegged below £100 by

Small operators feel threatened by the global giant's plans to expand

into the cut-price market. Report by Arthur Leathley and Steve Keenan

Operators who have pared back costs on airport charges, commissions and administrative staff.

Although new prices have yet to be announced for the service beginning early next year, senior BA officials made clear that they would not be trying to undercut the lowest fares currently on offer, but would provide a better quality service than the competition.

However, the announcement by BA yesterday immediately sparked complaints that the national carrier would be able to use profits from its core operations to put competitors out of business. Ryanair, the leading cut-price airline, issued a warning that

the cheap-fare operators would not be driven out. "We will undercut any fare you offer," said a director.

Under the project name Operation Blue Sky, the new company, which has not yet been named, will operate as a separate business to BA, with its own name, management and 150 staff.

It will be headed by Barbara Cassani, who was formerly BA's general manager in the United States and who predicted yesterday that she would transform the low-cost airline business. "We will be the Ikea of the airline business. What Ikea did to make cheap furniture tasteful, we will do to the low-fare market.

There will be more style to this market than has been seen before."

BA said that, unlike other British-based low-cost carriers, the new airline will recognise unions. Agreement has already been reached with the British Air Line Pilots Association (Balpa) and talks are being held with other unions. It added.

Richard Branson, the head of Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Express, which operates out of Brussels, said that the announcement was typical of the approach to business by BA, which "hated" competition.

"Their plans clearly threaten carriers such as EasyJet, Debonair and Ryanair who are already flying, or planning to fly, most of these routes from their existing London bases. We would certainly support these carriers in any moves they may make to cry foul to the European Commission."

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Barbara Cassani aims to end the low-fare industry's "cheap and nasty" image

## Mother of intention heads to the top

THE head of BA's low fares service is American-born Barbara Cassani, who has already headed the airline's attempts to make inroads into the highly competitive US market.

Mrs Cassani, 37, a mother of two, is a highly rated executive of whom one senior colleague said yesterday: "She's ready to take on anyone -- and she usually wins."

She insisted yesterday that she would rid the low-fare airline industry of its "cheap and nasty" image. "Just because it is good value doesn't mean it needs to be a poor service," she said. "We will not be showering passengers with caviar and champagne but we can give them a better service than they are getting on low-fare routes."

Mrs Cassani has been a senior manager with BA for the past decade, with jobs ranging from sales and marketing to general manager at Gatwick airport. She was general manager of its American operations until May.

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## Fine wine bill is cheap at half the price

By Robin Young

THREE businessmen who spent £13,091 on dinner, most of it on fine wines, could have saved themselves more than half the bill if they had eaten in Sussex instead of Mayfair.

The bill, recognised as a British record by envious competitors yesterday, was incurred at Le Gavroche, the Roux brothers' restaurant. Only £220 of the amount went on food.

The party, three businessmen who were celebrating one of their number's 50th birthday, started with a bottle of Krug 1949, a rare champagne priced at £560. "I have nothing of this age in champagne," admitted Harry Phillips of the White Horse Inn at Chilgrove in West Sussex yesterday, "but for almost everything else they drank I could have offered them substantial savings."

The trio continued with a bottle of 1985 Le Montrachet from the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, the top white burgundy. They paid £1,400. "I just sold a bottle for £475," said Mr Phillips, whose 18th-century inn has one of the country's finest wine lists. The saving the businessmen missed: £925.

Their next choice was 1985 Romanée-Conti, the top grand cru red burgundy, again from the DRC. They paid £4,950. "On my list it is £1,750," said Mr Phillips. Saving: £3,200.

After one glass each the diners decided the wine was a bit young and offered the rest to the staff, replacing it with Chateau Latour 1961. To them: £2,100. At the White Horse it would have been only £995. Another £1,105 missed.

Next they chose another great claret, the Graves premier cru, Chateau Haut Brion 1945. Price: £1,950. "Really great wine," enthused Mr Phillips. "I would have let them have it for £850." A further saving of £1,100.

To accompany dessert, the wine waiter at Le Gavroche suggested the top-flight Sauternes, Chateau d'Yquem 1967, at £1,070 a bottle. "Good choice," approved Mr Phillips, "but I would only have charged £550." Another potential economy of £520.

The trio finished off with Maubeuge Cordon A. Cordon, £47.50 each and three claret glasses of 1990 armagnac brandy at £200 each.

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# Mother of intention heads to the top

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Mrs Cavallini has been a senior manager with BA for the past 10 years. She has managed the airline's first class service, the 'first class' lounge, and a new 'first class' menu.

# wine bill leap at the price

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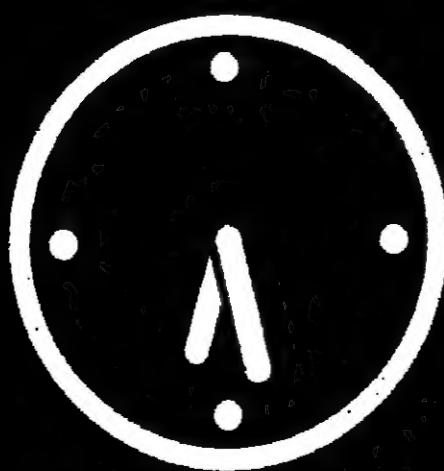
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# Coastguards fear station closures will risk lives

By DANIEL MCGROARY AND RUSSELL JENKINS

COASTGUARDS were in open revolt last night after the service unveiled plans to shut down four coastal stations. They said that closing Liverpool, Tyne, Oban in Argyll and Bute, and Pentland in Orkney would put lives at risk.

However John Astbury, the chief coastguard, said: "They are talking rubbish about us jeopardising lives. We are not doing this to save money but to make us more efficient. We stake our reputations on that".

Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, who announced the loss of 78 jobs, came under attack from union leaders who said it was ironic that her grandfather had been a lifeboatman in Hoylake on the Wirral. Brian May, of the Public Service, Tax and Commerce Union at the Liverpool station, also condemned John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who he remembered



Jackson: promised no reduction in cover

joining an earlier protest against cuts outside the Commons brandishing a poster proclaiming: "Don't sink the coastguards". He argued that closures could mean increased stress for staff

and predicted there would be more errors "likely to lead to loss of life".

As well as the four closures, the stations at Lee-on-the-Solent and Portland will be moved into the same headquarters and staff will be expected to help each other out during emergencies. Union leaders predicted industrial action among coastguards to resist the cuts which they described as "appalling" and "another government U-turn".

The service insists that improved digital technology in radio communication means it can safely cover 10,500 miles of coastline using only 17 stations. It hopes to pay for the technological innovation with the savings made by closing the four stations.

Mr Astbury said staff would be consulted about the plan but added that the four stations would definitely close, "no matter what". "At the end

of the five years it will take to implement this plan, there will be more coastguards in uniform than we had last year."

Oban and Pentland will close in the next two years, their duties being taken over by Stornoway and Clyde and Shetland and Aberdeen respectively. Liverpool and Tyne will close a year later and be covered in future from Holyhead and Bridlington.

Miss Jackson said: "There will be no reduction in coast-

guard cover for dealing with emergencies. In the UK, I believe we have the best search and rescue service in the world and that's how I intend to continue."

John Cherrett, the coastguard representative of the public service union, said: "We are talking about people's lives at risk and I find this utterly appalling. We have to fight a campaign to make the Government see the stupidity of their ways and ensure the

country has a proper, funded and staffed service."

He said the introduction of digital communications was not the answer. "People out for walks along the coast, the casual sea user, people on their little yachts at the weekend do not have VHF radios, they use mobile phones and there will be no-one there to answer them."

The Liverpool station, at Blundellsands, covers one of the world's busiest industrial

shipping. Outside the operations room window, tankers pass within yards of each other on choppy grey seas. Inside, officers deal efficiently with the 642nd emergency this year, a windsurfer reported missing in the Dee estuary. Emergencies range from major oil spills to stranded ferries, but an increasing number concern ordinary people messing about in boats whose first call in an emergency is the coastguard. From

Blundellsands, the coast-

guards monitor distress calls over 700 miles of coastline. Mr May said the decision to axe the station was "totally illogical" at a time when maritime traffic was rising sharply. It was a regular occurrence for the watch manager to have to cope with three or four emergencies at a time. The stress was "phenomenal" in a job where local knowledge was crucial to dealing swiftly to an emergency.



Christine Matthews, a watch assistant working at the Liverpool coastguard station at Blundellsands, one of four earmarked for closure

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## Theatre grants cut as lottery cash reduced

By MARK HENDERSON

THEATRES, galleries and concert halls seeking National Lottery funding for capital projects are to have their awards limited to a maximum of £15 million under a new spending strategy announced by the Arts Council of England yesterday.

Projects will be allowed to exceed £15 million only if they are deemed to be of exceptional national or international significance, and just £200 million is to be made available to cover such awards over the next eight years. Funding for smaller projects will also be restricted to £2 million.

In its first 2½ years, the Arts Council's National Lottery Panel made 11 awards of more than £15 million, totalling £325.5 million. The largest award was £78.5 million made to the Royal Opera House.

The change could spell trouble for the application by the South Bank Centre in London

for funds towards a £150 million refit. The centre is seeking £113 million but a new, lower, submission will be considered next week.

The council said that because of the extra "good cause", the council's cut of the lottery cake was down from 17 per cent to below 14 per cent. Jeremy Newton, the council's lottery director, said: "We have to look carefully at the best way to allocate money."

The council had also diverted a third of its resources from the fund to help with the running costs of individual arts organisations as well as capital spending, he said. There will be big cuts in funding for smaller projects, with spending sinking from the current £325 million a year to £125 million a year.

Owners of some of the country's finest historic houses are seeking £130 million of government funding for repairs. The Historic Houses Association, which represents 1,400 owners, will make the appeal at its annual general meeting today, arguing that the houses and their grounds are central to the tourism industry.

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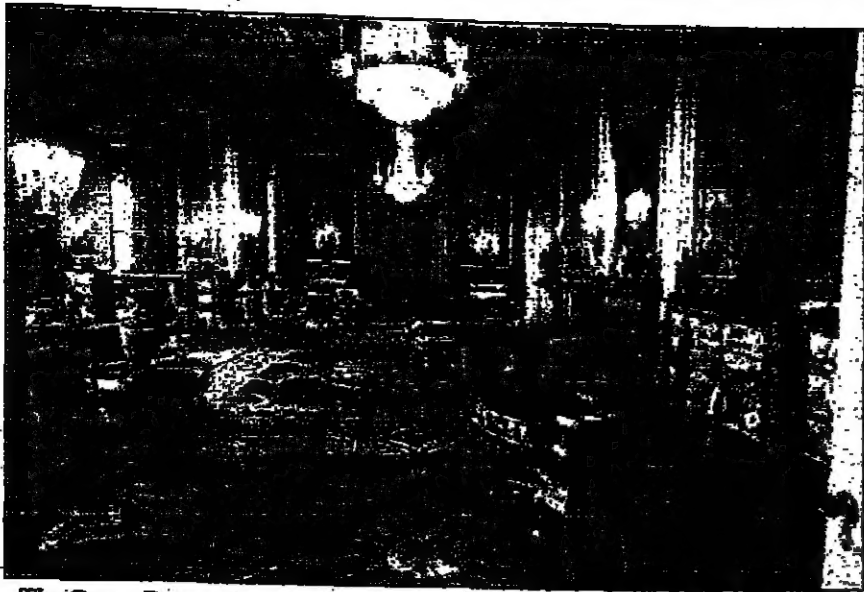
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The Green Room, damaged by fire and water from hoses, now fully restored

## Duke adds the royal touch to restored castle

The work is under budget, the quality is first-rate and the customer is happy, writes Alan Hamilton

A STAINED-GLASS window inspired by the Duke of Edinburgh and a memorial plaque identifying where the blaze started are the only obvious clues to visitors that, on the Queen's wedding anniversary five years ago, a corner of Windsor Castle was consumed by fire.

The largest historic building restoration project in Britain this century was unveiled yesterday by Royal Household officials, who reported that the final bill would be £37 million, well below initial estimates of £60 million.

Work was completed six months ahead of schedule, after a late scramble to return the Queen's favourite residence to her in time for her golden wedding anniversary on Thursday, when she and the Duke will host a private dinner for family, friends and guests. In June, Lionel Mann,



The blaze recorded

the royal chef, and his team were invited to the restored medieval kitchens for a catering dress rehearsal for the dinner-dance, but they

walked out, saying that the site was far too dusty from building work for them to cook a proper meal. They will be back on Thursday, satisfied that cleanliness has been restored.

Nine state apartments were destroyed or severely damaged and a further 100 rooms affected by the fire, which burnt for 15 hours. Some 250 firefighters poured 1.5 million gallons of water on the blaze, equivalent to two seconds' flow over Niagara Falls.

The restored apartments will be reopened to the public on December 27. Visitors to the newly created private chapel will see a stained-glass window born of some rough sketches by the Duke. It includes one panel showing a firefighter with hose in front of a burning castle, and another showing a hard-hatted workman carrying a painting to safety. Only one

painting and one piece of furniture, both too bulky to move, were lost in the fire; the rest of the castle's art treasures were saved by the prompt action of a volunteer salvage crew, including the Duke of York.

The old private chapel, destroyed in the blaze, has been recreated as an anteroom to St George's Hall. On its wall is a plaque identifying the source of the fire, caused by a spotlight igniting a curtain.

Michael Peat, Keeper of the Privy Purse and the man responsible for the Queen's finances, said yesterday that the restoration budget included £10 million to £15 million for a sophisticated fire detection and prevention system. It is, he says, the equal of any in an historic building around the world.

Mr Peat said that the fire, on November 20, 1992, had

broken out barely a year after the Royal Household had taken over responsibility for maintaining the occupied royal palaces from the Government. They had not got around to upgrading the castle's fire alarm system.

He added that, although most of the bills had now been paid, Buckingham Palace would remain open to visitors at least until 2000, when the situation would be reviewed. Tourist takings at the Palace and at Windsor have funded 70 per cent of the restoration, the rest coming from savings in the household's annual grant-in-aid for maintenance from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Any surplus from the Palace box-office would go to help maintain the Royal Collection, which, with half a million paintings, drawings, photographs and objets d'art, is one of the largest private art

collections in the world, and which receives no funding from the taxpayer.

Visitors to Windsor are likely to be impressed by the new hammerbeam roof erected in St George's Hall, the largest apartment in the castle. Designed by the architect Giles Downes, of Sidell Gibson, the roof is the largest piece of Gothic-style carpentry erected in Britain for more than two centuries. Made of green English oak from 70 trees in Hereford and Worcester, it is more than 150ft long, constructed entirely of carpentry joints without glue, bolts or screws, and is decorated with the shields of more than 700 past Knights of the Garter.

"We had to search for the craftsmen, but we eventually found them all in Britain, and they are every bit as good as craftsmen ever were," Mr Downes said yesterday. "The

roof is new and not a replica of what was there before. I have tried to reinterpret Gothic for our own times, but keeping to the principles of geometry, craftsmanship and natural materials."

The whole project employed some 5,000 craftsmen on and off site, and 200 specialist firms, many of them taxed to the limits of their skills.

Apparently, the customer is satisfied. At a party for contractors and craftsmen in St George's Hall on Friday, the Queen made an impromptu speech saying she was "absolutely delighted" with the results.

□ The Guildhall luncheon and the gala concert at the Festival Hall to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh take place tomorrow, and not today, as reported in yesterday's editions.



Images of a workman salvaging a painting and a fireman were born of sketches by the Duke of Edinburgh

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## No bail for former spy held over book plans

A former M16 officer, charged under the Official Secrets Act for planning to write a book about his experiences, has had his bail application refused.

Richard Tomlinson, 34, an intelligence officer with the Secret Intelligence Service until 1995, served in Bosnia and Moscow. He was arrested in October after sending a synopsis of the book to a publisher in Australia. Bow Street magistrates were told. Mr Tomlinson was remanded in custody until November 24.

## Barrister jailed

A barrister swindled more than £10,000 in state benefits to pay his monthly £1,350 rent in central London. Graeme Wood, 38, a lecturer, who concealed earnings from three London colleges, was jailed for a year at Knightsbridge Crown Court.

## Prison inquiry

A prison officer from Wakefield jail, West Yorkshire, was suspended while police investigate allegations of blackmail. The Home Office said a decision regarding the officer's future would be made when the outcome of the inquiry was made known.

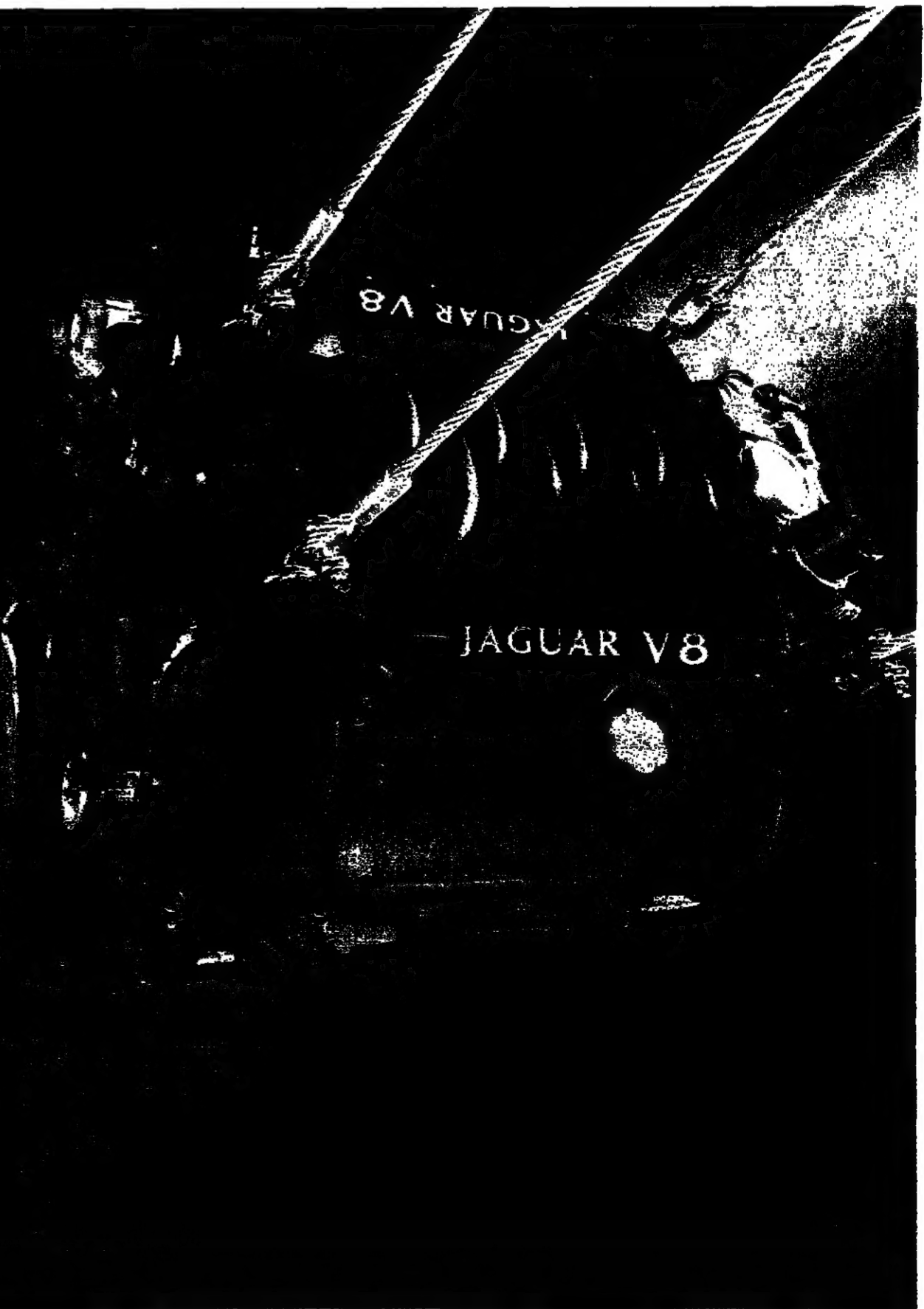
## Latex glove risks

Up to one in ten health workers who use latex gloves suffer from occupational asthma or dermatitis, according to the TUC and the National Asthma Campaign. They have launched a joint effort to alert staff to the risks of wearing the gloves.

## Webber retunes

Lord Lloyd-Webber's musical *Whistle Down The Wind* will open in London next summer at the Aldwych Theatre, after being reworked from last year's Washington premiere. It was inspired by a 1961 film about children who think a fugitive killer is Jesus.

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## Suicide bid video given to the media

By RICHARD FORD

CLOSED-CIRCUIT television footage of a man trying to kill himself was given to the media by his local council, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

Millions of viewers saw the incident on BBC's *Crime Beat*, leaving the impression the man had been involved in a criminal act, the court was told. In a test case, Geoffrey Peck, 42, from Brentwood, Essex, is challenging the decision by Brentwood Borough Council to provide copies of the film to local and national television stations.

Richard Gordon, QC, for Mr Peck, said that, when he was picked up on the council's cameras, he was suffering from severe depression and was about to kill himself with a knife. He had lost his job and his partner was terminally ill.

The council is contesting the case and says it behaved legally and "with propriety". The hearing continues.



The mugger threatening Sloan Eagleson, 72, in the August raid and, top, Mr Eagleson yesterday



## Hostage's ordeal on bank film

DRAMATIC closed-circuit television film of a pensioner being held hostage during a bank raid was seen by a judge yesterday before he sentenced the robber.

The film showed Sloan Eagleson, 72, with an imitation gun to his neck. "I thought if the bank didn't cough up he was going to blow my head off. It was horrible," he said.

Scott Wilds, 24, from Littlehampton, West Sussex, was jailed for nine years at Chichester Crown Court for stealing £2,500 from Lloyds Bank in Worthing in August.

# DNA pioneer in hunt for beast of the moors

By MICHAEL HORNSBY  
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

A PIONEER of genetic fingerprinting is to conduct DNA analysis of a possible clue to the Beast of Bodmin Moor. Recent attacks on sheep and an apparent sighting by councilors on a coach trip have renewed the belief that puma-like creatures are at large in the West Country.

The chance of very basic scientific evidence emerged this month in countryside near Torrington, Devon, when a local couple reported seeing a large brownish cat answering the call of nature. They alerted Newquay Zoo, which has passed a sample of droppings to Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys of Leicester University, who in 1984 developed the DNA sampling technique.

Mike Thomas, the zoo's managing director, said: "We are hoping that the DNA test, which could take many weeks, will throw light on the animal and its eating habits. Over the years the zoo has received many calls from people who say they have seen



The paw prints: zoo staff say they are like a puma's but ministry wildlife experts believe it was a dog

big cats. Everyone cannot be mistaken."

Sir Alec said that if the DNA analysis suggested feline origin, the data would be sent to the US National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Maryland. "A colleague has been collating a database of different felines," he said. "If — and I emphasise that — we can obtain enough evidence, they will help to determine what type of cat it is."

Mr Thomas believes he also has new evidence in the shape

between five and six feet long, with a long upward curving tail, and was crouched, drinking."

Five ewes were savaged in the area last week, on a landscaped clay tip owned by English China Clays International. Loren Bracher, a company spokesman, said, "All but one died or had to be put down. They had been deeply bitten in the back of the neck. Our shepherd said it did not look like the work of a dog."

Two years ago the Ministry of Agriculture said there was "no verifiable evidence" of the Beast of Bodmin Moor. The ministry said yesterday: "Our inquiry is still open. However, our experts have seen photographs of the prints near St Austell and think they are more likely to be those of a dog."

In Scotland, five police believe that a fuzzy film taken by a local woman of a large feline creature is the best evidence so far of the existence of the Beast of Cupar. PC George Redpath said: "My personal opinion is that there is a puma in this area."

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## Sensible eaters are advised to go nuts

By IAN MURRAY

EATING nuts regularly may help you to prolong life, researchers said yesterday. If people ate more of them, death rates from all causes could be cut by almost a quarter, they claimed.

The 11,000 volunteers who took part in the 13-year study included vegetarians, semi-vegetarians and meat eaters. The research showed that the biggest risk factor for death from heart disease was total consumption of animal fat and cholesterol, rather than meat.

There was little evidence of any one food offering protection, with the possible exception of nuts. "Nuts are good sources of vitamin E, other antioxidant nutrients, and linoleic acid," the researchers say in the journal *Heart*.

Vegetarianism was associated with a slight, but not significant, fall in the death rate. Death rates were higher among cheese and egg eaters than among those who ate a lot of meat and milk.

Scientists from Oxford University, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the University of Otago, New Zealand, collaborated on the research.

## Sandwich sales soar as lunch declines

By ROBIN YOUNG

BRITONS are spending more on sandwiches than they do on pizza, pasta and burgers put together. Outperforming growth in all other fast-food sectors, sandwich sales have grown by 45 per cent over the past five years, according to market researchers Mintel.

It values the sandwich market at £22 billion a year, with sales of 1.7 billion sandwiches.

Shorter lunch breaks, the trend towards eating on the move or at work, snacking and growing health concerns are all believed to have contributed to the sandwich's burgeoning popularity.

Of the 1.7 billion eaten every year, four-fifths are filled with chicken, prawn, egg, cheese, ham, tuna, beef or turkey. But exotic fillings, which can be anything from smoked eel wrapped in ham to kangaroo meat with raspberry preserve, have a fifth of the market.

The best sellers are still chicken with about 10 per cent of the market, selling 187 million sandwiches a year, and prawn mayonnaise (10 per cent, 170 million). The ubiquitous BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato) now ties with egg with mayonnaise or cream (with 9 per cent, 153 million) for third place.

## Children follow fat parents' lead

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is becoming caught in a vicious circle of obesity, with an increasing number of fat parents bringing up fat children, a study published today shows.

The study of almost 13,000 men and women born during the same week in 1958 shows that children, with fat parents are significantly more likely to be fat, to become fat adults than to have fat children.

Researchers believe that the key to halting the trend is in identifying the children at risk and helping them to stay slim.

The prevalence of obesity in couples doubled between 1969 and 1991, with both partners

in 6 per cent of couples now seriously overweight. Data from the 1958 group show that the weight of children increases in proportion to the degree of parental fatness. Seven-year-old girls with two obese parents are 10 per cent heavier than those with parents of normal weight. By the age of 33 the difference is more than 20 per cent.

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# Ministers urged to back campaign against art theft

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A WORLDWIDE illicit trade in antiquities could be significantly reduced if the Government adopted an international convention on such objects, archaeologists said yesterday.

Representatives of the British Museum and other archaeological and heritage organisations have begun a campaign for Britain to ratify the Unidroit Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects. The previous Government is thought to have feared that it would restrict trade in the art market, although countries such as France and Switzerland signed up in 1995.

The 34-strong forum of British organisations that make up the Standing Conference on Portable Antiquities argue that the £100 million international antiquities market encourages the plunder of important sites in countries such as India, Italy and Egypt.

They have given their unanimous backing to a resolution that calls on the Government to adopt the Unidroit Convention and deplores "the loss to knowledge and damage to the cultural heritage" caused by the trade in antiquities. The convention, they say, would ease the return of stolen artefacts to their rightful owners, whether governments, museums or individuals. The resolution was proposed by Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, the Cambridge archaeologist and Master of Jesus College, on behalf of the Council for British Archaeology.

Lord Renfrew will today launch the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research in Cambridge to lobby governments into taking action, campaign against the worldwide looting of historic sites and monitor the scale of the traffic in antiquities.

Lord Renfrew said: "The

real value of these artefacts is destroyed once they are removed from their archaeological context."

Commenting on the resolution, he said: "It's a great step forward that the standing conference representing most archaeology and heritage bodies in Britain have now warmly endorsed the Unidroit Convention. I very much hope the Government, as it has hinted, goes ahead and adopts it."

He said that even though London had become one of the clearing centres for antiquities from countries such as India and China, the previous government had resisted ratifying the convention. "They were worried about the status of Britain as a trading centre for the work of the art market. The art market now realises that if it doesn't clean up its act, it will lose face."

He said that Sotheby's had "at last done something about



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it", announcing last July that it was to end antiquities sales in London after allegations that the firm sold artefacts that had been smuggled into Britain. He said the rest of the art market should follow their example. He pointed out that the convention was not retroactive and would not affect

treasures such as the Elgin Marbles.

Dr Peter Addyman, director of the York Archaeological Trust and chairman of the standing conference, said:

"The UK's archaeological community has taken an important step. We will be putting the detailed case for

Unidroit's implementation in the near future. Ethical traders have nothing to fear from it. The world's history will benefit from the better stewardship of archaeological material for which it provides."

He said the scale of the problem was almost impossible to estimate. "But the im-

pression we get in Britain is that whenever there's an opportunity for antiquities to be removed from their rightful place, such as Afghanistan or Iraq, where conditions mean something can be easily extracted from the ground, as often as not they turn up in London."

## Wildlife charter calls for big fines

By NICK NUTTALL

FARMERS, landowners and companies that damage the country's most important wildlife sites could be arrested, face tougher fines and be forced to restore damaged areas to their natural state under a new Wildlife Charter.

The charter was unveiled yesterday by 22 green groups — including the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Butterfly Conservation, the Wildlife Trusts, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and the World Wide Fund for Nature — which want new legislation by next autumn to end the damage and destruction of the nation's Sites of Special Scientific Interest and the plants and animals they hold.

The groups also want a network of marine protected areas, mirroring those on the land, to conserve porpoises, dolphins and other ocean-living creatures.



The opening page of the manuscript for two sonatas

## Rare Brahms manuscript to fetch £500,000

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

A RARE original manuscript by Brahms, regarded as the most important of its kind to come on the market, is expected to fetch £500,000 at auction in London. The composer usually destroyed drafts of his work, but he gave this one, for two sonatas, to the clarinetist who inspired him to write them and whose descendants are now selling.

Brahms met Richard Mühlfeld, the greatest clarinetist of his day, in 1891, a year after he had declared that he had retired from composing. He was so inspired by Mühlfeld's sensitive playing that he wrote work on the sonatas, Op 12 No 1 in F minor and Op 120 No 2 in E flat major. The results are among his most refined work and the first important compositions for piano and clarinet.

The manuscript is signed

and dedicated "To Richard Mühlfeld. The master of his beautiful instrument. In heartfelt and thankful memory." The 67 pages are heavily revised and annotated.

A few Brahms scores in his own hand exist in museums in Vienna. But often he would employ a copyist to prepare the final draft for the publisher and then destroy his own. "He collected other people's manuscripts such as Mozart and Beethoven, but not his own. Maybe he didn't want the forensic scrutiny of his own works," said Stephen Roe, head of the books department at Sotheby's, which estimates that the manuscript will fetch between £450,000 and £600,000 next month.

If it does, it will be the most expensive Brahms manuscript ever sold. A Beethoven piano sonata fetched £1 million in 1990.



Brahms, left, and clarinetist Richard Mühlfeld, whose playing inspired him to resume composing



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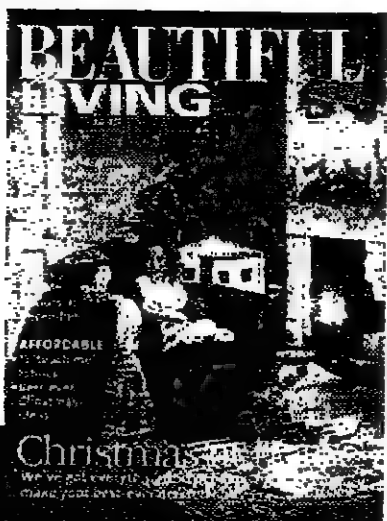
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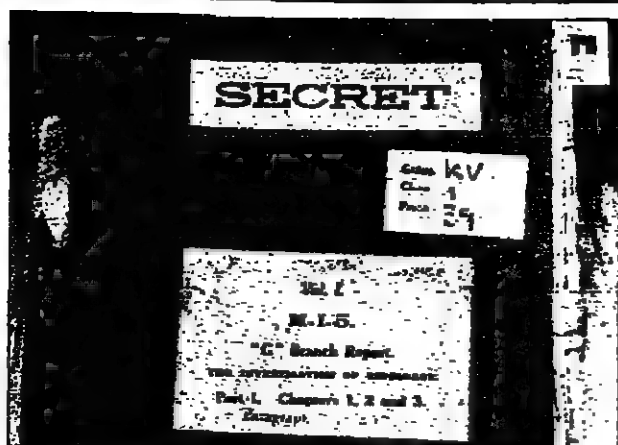
Hairdressers were among German agents' favourite recruits during the First World War, newly released MI5 files show. Michael Evans reports

UNCOVERING German espionage efforts before and during the First World War was a matter of top priority for the newly fledged Secret Service Bureau. But, as MI5 files released yesterday by the Public Record Office make clear, they often bordered on the farcical.

To gain the knowledge they were after, German spies recruited German-born hairdressers — a favourite source of intelligence gossip — schoolmasters, publicans, seamen, foreign pilots and "natives of the country prepared to betray their country for money". Watchmakers and photographers were also taken on occasionally.

For the Secret Service, the forerunner of MI5, some German spying activities were easily monitored. In one case, known as the Frant file, a German who gave his name as De Corina took a farm in the neighbourhood of Frant in Sussex. He went in for poultry farming, "but it was noticeable that the farm at Bartley Hill was a great rendezvous for Germans, most of whom spent the greater part of the time cycling and motoring all over the country".

The MI5 file states: "De Corina was a typical German and it was quite obvious that he could not be making his living from the proceeds of the farm." Although nothing was ever discovered "which could definitely connect this man with espionage, the whole



The Secret Service files from the First World War

circumstances of the case were very peculiar and suspicious".

In another operation, known as the Ruspier case, William Melville, a legendary Scotland Yard detective turned counter-espionage officer, was sent to the village of Ruspier in Sussex to investigate two Germans. The Germans pretended to know nothing of each other, "but rapidly struck up an acquaintance".

Melville looked into the same guesthouse "and caused these gentlemen some perturbation". The MI5 file revealed that the Germans cross-questioned the landlord and asked him if Melville could speak any foreign languages. The landlord said that he could not. Shortly afterwards, the Germans quarrelled — "it was evidently a put-up job" — and

refused to speak to each other until Melville had left.

Melville worked for G branch, which was responsible for counter-espionage. The MI5 files show that he was "too old for such work" and Captain Vernon Kell, the head of counter-espionage, had to apply for two more men to help with investigations.

The Secret Service was able to discover many of the code words used in passing messages back to German intelligence from spies it arrested. One, George Breckow, had his own codewords for Royal Navy ships. Old battleships were called Old Folks at Home, submarines Floating Down, and destroyers Pirates of Penzance. For naval ports he used musical terminology. Dartmouth was Darkie Melodies and Chatham Chattanooga.

ga Rag, Southampton was called Down South.

Other codewords used by various German spies included "eggs" for troops, "condensed milk" for cavalry, "margarine" for guns, "Dutch cheese" for battleships and "tinned lobster" for torpedo boats.

The spies used a variety of materials for sending off their secret messages. As early as November 1914, it was known that they were using secret writing. They used lemon juice, sometimes mixed with formalin. One message was "stamped on the skin of a Belgian woman", according to the files.

To detail the departure of warships from naval ports, the spies used a simple set of numbers in an otherwise inconspicuous message. The first number subtracted by one indicated the number of cruisers, the second the number of transports and the fourth the number of tracking vessels.

In each report, a date was given which, when increased by two indicated the date of departure of the ship. For example, the message: "Send 25 pounds. Richelien, 85 Bedford Street, stay till 20th", meant "One cruiser, five liners, eight transports, five tracking vessels, setting off the 22nd." Another message appearing in the MI5 files reads: "Offer 12 tons potatoes before 23rd." This meant: "No cruisers, two liners, starting 25th."



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## Sinn Fein laid plans to assist invasion

SINN FEIN tried to help the Germans to land arms and troops on the West Coast of Ireland in the First World War, the MI5 files show. A report by H branch, dated June 1918, refers to the plot by the Sinn Fein Inner Circle.

All Irish republican volunteers along the coast began to march inland, "drawing the military after them and so leaving a clear field for the landing". Several were arrested but, the H branch report continues, "the arrests disarranged, but did not entirely upset their plans, and secret drilling, despatch riding, etc. continue". Sinn Fein denied the plot "but secretly derided the suggestion that the Government can learn anything about it".

The report also reveals that H branch acquired the notebook belonging to Eamon de Valera, the survivor of the 1916 Easter Rising who went on to become the first President of the Irish Republic. It contained a memorandum about the army he planned to raise after the rebellion had established the Republic.

There was no mention of plans to help a German invasion. De Valera has the dubious honour of being the subject of the first personal file to be created by MI5. It is known as PFI.

In the end, no German troops landed in Ireland. Sir Roger Casement, who was eventually executed for treason and is seen in Ireland as a martyr to the republican cause, went to Germany to seek arms in 1916. He was arrested on his return, having received only obsolete arms.

In one reference to Sir Roger in the files, it is reported that in April 1916 an MI5 officer overheard a "most indiscreet" telephone conversation between an Irishman and a woman, in which she revealed the "very secret measures" used to monitor Casement.

## Vigilance of Captain Kell's team brought swift success

By MICHAEL EVANS



Vernon Kell: spymaster

IN THE years before the First World War, England was overrun with German spies who were accustomed to gathering intelligence unimpeded by any counter-espionage operation.

It was not until a meeting at Scotland Yard in August 1908 involving, among others, Sir Edward Henry, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, that the decision was taken to set up what became MI5. The man put in

charge was Captain Vernon Kell of the South Staffordshire Regiment, who spoke French, German, Russian and Chinese.

An MI5 document released yesterday said: "Unless a secret service system is prepared, we shall enter on a war fatally handicapped." One of the great fears was that Germans were already located at important sites from where they could observe England's military capabilities. An MI5 report said: "I believe several Germans now own land near important junctions. The Germans

paid particular attention last year to Hither Green [southeast London], the new junction on the South East Railway."

Based in the War Office, Captain Kell began work in October 1909 as a one-man band. By August 1914 he had nine officers, three police, three civilians and four clerks. The unit was originally known as MO5 (Military Operations), becoming MI5 in 1916.

The team proved highly successful. Its men arrested 21 agents when war began, paralyzing the

German espionage effort. They were held until 1918.

The team also had an agent who was employed by the War Office to carry out intelligence-gathering abroad. Henry Dale Long, codenamed L, was based in Brussels. British spies sent abroad were given guidelines for procuring intelligence: when making sketches they should do so from a carriage, not on horseback, which was less discreet, even if the horse was "the quietest of animals".

The best way to communicate with agents was to take meals at the same restaurant but at different tables "and on leaving to take each other's hats off the pegs — all communications being put inside the lining of the hats".

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By James F. Lavelle

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# Burgundy's rise leaves sour taste for wine buffs

France's top châteaux may be pricing themselves off the market, Ben Macintyre writes from Paris

THE rocketing price of Burgundy has reinforced predictions that 1997 could be one of the great vintages, but it has left a nasty taste in the mouths of wine buffs who fear that French wine could become too expensive to compete with newer wine-producing countries.

Prices at the annual Hospices de Beaune charity auction on Sunday, widely regarded as a key quality-benchmark for the year's harvest, rose by a remarkable 47 per cent, earning more than £20 million (£21 million) for the charity hospital founded in the 15th century.

The auctioneers were delighted with the results, but wine experts warned that inflated prices would encourage competing growers to push up their prices and might persuade buyers to see fine French wine as a tipple only for corporate investors or wealthy connoisseurs.

"The inevitable final result is to reduce our competitive edge in an ever more competitive market," the Burgundy Wine Board said.

The highest price of the auction was recorded by the white wine Bâtard Montrachet, which was sold for the equivalent of £50 a bottle, an increase of 78 per cent over last year. Bottling, storing and shipping the wine will eventually more than double the price.

French wine-producers, locked in combat with cheap and plentiful "New World" wines, fear that such high prices will merely increase the snobism associated with Burgundy and other celebrated French wines. "It's sad," Christian Flacelière, a wine expert, said. "With such prices, people will turn away from overpriced wine in favour of beer and mass-produced drinks."

"Wine is going to become the hobby of a few specialists, locked up in their own culture," Burgundy has grown steadily more expensive over recent years and industry analysts had expected a price rise of up to 20 per cent, but the sudden huge leap left many wine-makers jittery and in need of a stiff drink.

A combination of favourable climatic factors this year, including a record breaking early harvest, has



An auctioneer takes bids during France's annual Hospice de Beaune charity wine sale, where Burgundy prices soared by 47 per cent

led to predictions that 1997 will be one of the best vintages in recent memory, but it may also be among the most expensive.

"We are in danger of scaring away buyers," Benoît de Charente, of Maison Pichot, said. The wines on sale in Beaune last weekend were made on 140 acres of land belonging to the Hospices and include some of the most famous names in wine-making such as Corton, Mersault and Montrachet.

The Hospices de Beaune charity for the poor, sick and elderly was founded in 1443 during the Hundred Years War by Nicolas Rolin, Chancellor to the Duke of Burgundy, and the property has grown over the centuries with gifts of land and vineyards in the region. The charity includes a hospice, homes for retired people and a hospital. Part of the profit from this year's sale will be spent on a new cinema for sick children.

While such high prices may put the best Burgundy out of reach of all but the very rich or extravagant, some will get to drink it for free: under the founding rules of the charity, a portion of the new vintage must be reserved for patients in the hospital.

## Kohl takes heart as voters swing in favour of euro

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN opposition to European economic and monetary union has started to melt away, much to the amazement and delight of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, who next year has to win a general election shortly after scrapping the mark.

Few opinion pollsters had reckoned with a significant swing towards the euro: for more than two years surveys have shown that two thirds of Germans are opposed to abandoning the mark. The calculation was confused by the two thirds of the nation that also professed support for the Maastricht treaty and a more tightly integrated Europe. It seemed as if the Germans could not make up their minds.

Now it appears that the Germans are ready to swallow the Maastricht pill. A poll commissioned by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation showed that only 45 per cent of Germans were now hostile to the euro, compared with 63 per cent a year ago.

A survey in August by the Allensbach Institute showed a similar trend: 55 per cent in support of the euro (compared with 21 per cent in May) and 45 per cent against (compared with 52 per cent last May). The

Konrad Adenauer Foundation is the Christian Democratic think-tank and the Allensbach Institute's findings often come out more supportive of the Chancellor than other pollsters.

Even so the shift is so big it must represent a new mood. "It signifies the breakthrough for the public acceptance of the euro," says Günter Rinsche, chairman of the foundation.

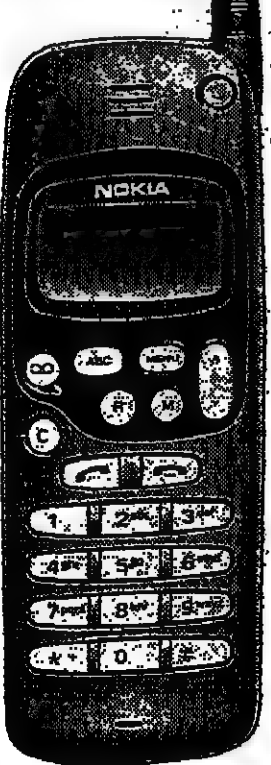
Two factors seem to have played a crucial part. First, the political class has made clear that it will steam ahead with the euro. The figures are still ambiguous: the five "wise men" who advise the Government say Bonn will miss the Maastricht public sector deficit by 0.1 per cent, the opposition Social Democrats say there will be an overshoot of 0.25 per cent.

However, the Government stubbornly insists it will hit the target at exactly 3 per cent of gross domestic product and quality for the euro.

The second crucial factor was probably Herr Kohl's personal decision to stand for re-election next year. The euro is his project and voters still trust him to fight for a strong currency.

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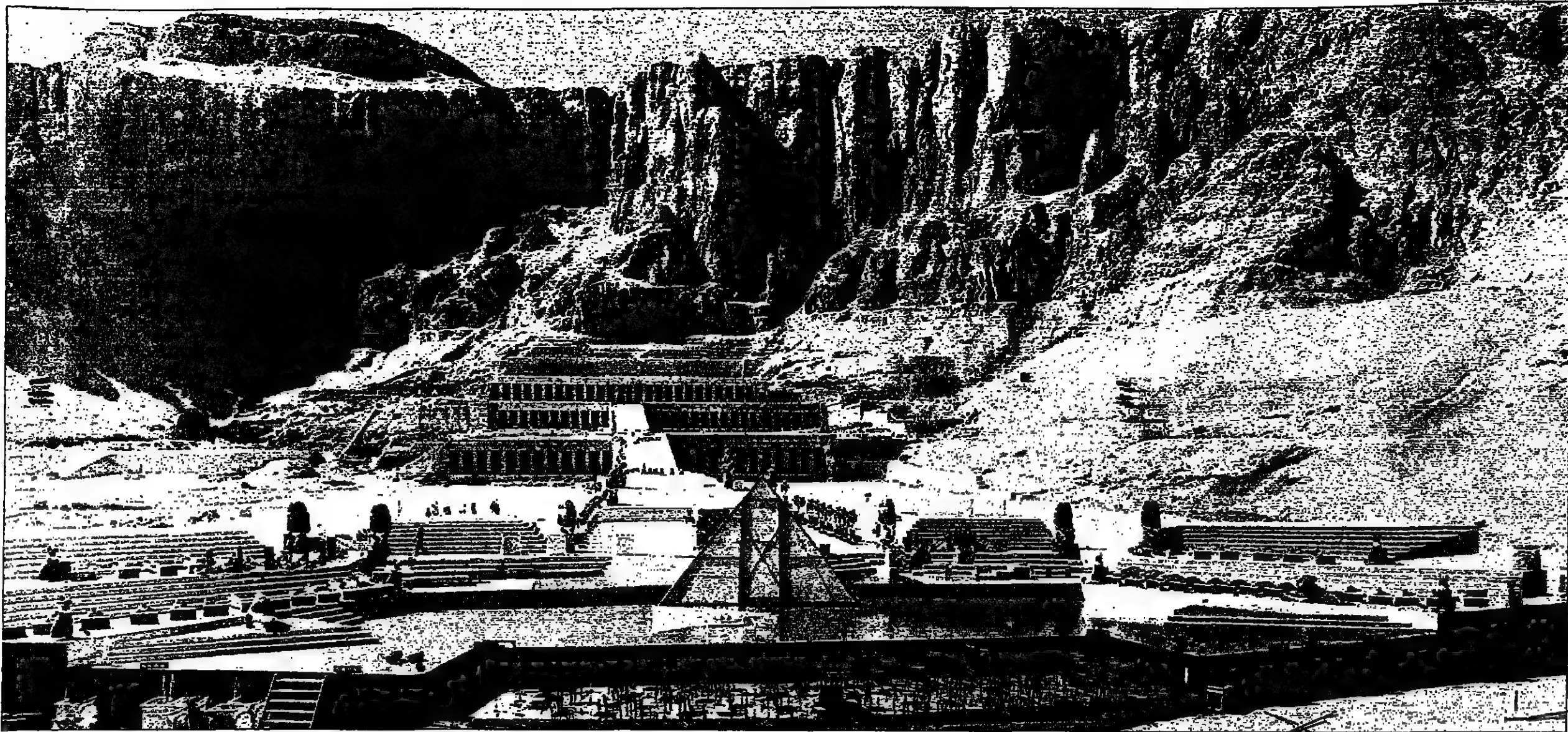
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Queen Hatshepsut's temple in Luxor, the scene of yesterday's massacre of tourists and an ensuing three-hour battle between police and the suspected Islamic militants responsible for the attack

# Tourist bloodbath deals blow to Mubarak

President has lost his battle against militants to convince visitors Egypt is safe, Christopher Walker writes

THE tourist bloodbath yesterday in the shadow of Luxor's magnificent Pharaonic temples dealt a fatal blow to attempts by President Mubarak to convince the world that his five-year campaign against Islamic militants is showing signs of success.

A leading London-based Arab commentator, Ali Ibrahim, claimed that the attack had been designed to do the maximum damage to his moderate, pro-Western Islamic regime. "It will kill the tourist season," he added.

Coming a month after the militants slaughtered 11 policemen in the southern Egyptian province of Minya, their biggest ever toll of security men in a single day, the mass murder of so many tourists was seen as evidence that the extremists have regrouped and embarked on a new wave of violence.

Even before the full horror of the latest attack became apparent, more than doubling the number of foreigners killed since the main Islamic

terror organisation, al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, launched its struggle to topple the regime in 1992, there were dire warnings in the semi-official Cairo press about complacency on the part of the Government.

"Our security officials have to stop parroting their routine boasting: 'Terrorism is vanquished! We have annihilated the remainder!'" warned Samir Ragab, editor of the *Egyptian Gazette*, the daily read by most tourists in Cairo, and one of Egypt's most influential journalists.

The choice of the tourist industry as a target was made primarily because of its importance as the second largest earner of foreign currency — after remittances sent from Egyptians working abroad — and thus a major prop of what the militants refer to scathingly as "the apostate regime of President Mubarak".

In a statement after a previous attack against a tourist target, the al-Gamaa — whose name means the Islamic



A wounded tourist is carried onto a helicopter to be flown for treatment in Cairo

Group — claimed that it would continue its struggle "until an Islamic state is established in Egypt and the criminal Mubarak is killed in just retaliation".

With a turnover estimated at more than £2 billion, the tourist industry is the most vulnerable sector of the economy. It is calculated that as many as ten million — roughly one in every six of the 61 million Egyptians — rely on it to some extent for their livelihoods.

"Ten million Egyptians eat from tourism," said one former Cairo-based diplomat. "It is no wonder that many ordi-

nary Egyptians are fed up with fundamentalist attacks."

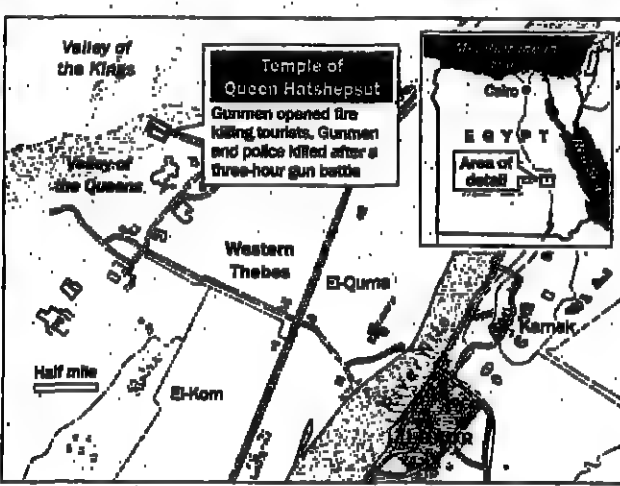
Yesterday's shootings, planned with military-type precision, were timed to do maximum damage to the industry. It was launched just at the start of the winter tourist season in Upper Egypt, the home of many of the most spectacular sites, and at a time when senior Egyptian tourist officials were attending a big conference in London to promote visitors from Europe.

These had suffered a severe blow in September when nine German tourists and their Egyptian driver were shot and killed in their bus outside the

Egyptian Museum in the heart of Cairo. Although the culprits were described as mentally ill by the Government, they too professed sympathy with extreme Islamic ideals and were claimed by diplomats to have been armed by a network of sympathisers in the city's slums.

The two attacks came as the battered tourist industry had been showing signs of picking up again after the crippling damage inflicted by the al-Gamaa in 1993 and 1994 with its attacks on trains, Nile cruises and tourist buses.

Almost 450,000 foreigners visited Egypt in August, the



highest figure ever for a single month. In 1996, a total of four million tourists arrived and officials had hoped that figure would be exceeded this year.

Recently Mr Mubarak, whose Government is accused of corruption, had refused an offer of a dialogue from the Islamists, although Hassan al-Ahli, his Interior Minister, welcomed a truce call issued by some imprisoned militant leaders as a useful start.

Like his counterparts in Algeria, Mr Mubarak, a former air force commander, is determined to crush the militants militarily. However, diplomats say that he has

underestimated the splits inside the Islamic movement and the pressure from extremists called abroad for unrelenting violence.

The anti-Mubarak militants receive logistical support from neighbouring Sudan and ideological backing from Iran. Their leaders have repeatedly expressed belief in an updated version of the old domino theory once centred on Vietnam: that if the Egyptian Government falls, many other moderate Islamic regimes in the Arab world will follow suit.

More than 1,100 people have been killed since the militants

began a series of attacks aimed at overthrowing Mr Mubarak.

Although he has recently been taking steps to streamline the over-centralised economy, little has been done to eliminate the social ills on which the fundamentalists thrive. They have threatened that he will suffer the same fate as his assassinated predecessor, Anwar Sadat. More than half the population cannot read. Unemployment among graduates in some cities is 80 per cent. The administration is strangled by red-tape and cronyism, with allegations of corruption reaching into the Mubarak family and only stifled by a draconian series of repressive press laws.

The key to Mr Mubarak's survival has been the 400,000-strong army and his ubiquitous internal security network, the Mukhabarat. But senior Western diplomats have expressed concern that the long-serving President has become surrounded by sycophants who are shielding him from the growing unpopularity of a regime supported by one of the most shamelessly rigged electoral systems in the Arab world.

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# Britain and US offer Saddam end to sanctions

By TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON, MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA, JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AMERICA and Britain yesterday backed away from a military confrontation with Iraq, offering a joint proposal to lift sanctions against Baghdad if President Saddam Hussein complied with United Nations resolutions to inspect his weapons facilities.

The proposal, worked out between Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, would result in a gradual lifting of sanctions while assuring compliance with the UN mandate to allow weapons inspection teams into Iraq.

Mr Cook yesterday telephoned his French and Russian counterparts to bolster political and diplomatic solidarity with new proposals to be put jointly to Saddam.

The proposals offer Saddam "light at the end of the tunnel" by promising to make more food and medicine available to Iraq and giving firmer guarantees on eventual lifting of UN sanctions.

The four permanent UN representatives have concluded that, as military action appears increasingly problematic, they must step up

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their diplomatic drive. In talks yesterday with Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr Cook discussed a possible Russian mediation. Mr Primakov, who visited Baghdad before the Gulf War, is a Middle East specialist with strong connections to Iraq. He may undertake a new round of shuttle diplomacy that this time would have the full backing of his Security Council partners.

At Russia's urging, the UN plans to convene a meeting on Friday of the 21 commissioners who provide technical advice to the UN Special Commission (Unscm) charged with ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction.

Russia is trying to transform the commissioners from an advisory council into a governing body empowered to provide political direction to Richard Butler, the Unscm chairman, and his senior staff. By doing so, Russia apparently hopes to meet Iraq's demands for a restructuring of Unscm to reduce the influence of America and undercut

the power of Mr Butler. The Unscm commissioners usually meet every six months, most recently in October, to review the progress of the UN inspectors, but have no procedure for decision making.

Officials said that the plans Mr Cook discussed yesterday were intended to reassure Saddam that he would not face a permanent US veto on lifting sanctions. He would be told what were the main allied requirements and then assured that sanctions would be lifted on his compliance.

Although the White House yesterday firmly rejected an Iraqi compromise that would specify the nationality of those on the Unscm teams, it became clear that a big diplomatic push was under way to resolve a crisis that has lasted almost three weeks.

President Chirac of France said he sensed "some form of détente" while Western diplomats in the Gulf complained that the military option had been "talked up too much". Most Arab countries also favour setting Iraq a firm timetable to divulge its weapons secrets in return for a schedule to lift sanctions.



Aaron Perez, a flight deck crew member of the carrier USS Nimitz in the Gulf, catches a moment's rest against the fuel tank of a US warplane

"Iraq does not seek conflict with the United States and if there is a solution to the crisis, we would be happy," Saddam declared on Sunday.

Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, suggested

that US weapons experts could return if their numbers were equally matched by inspectors from the other countries with permanent seats on the UN Security Council. His offer was rejected as impractical by Unscm's Mr Butler, who also insisted Iraq could not be allowed to dictate the composition of his teams. Mr Butler said Iraq's compromise to allow the return of inspectors to Baghdad could signal

the beginning of a diplomatic solution to the crisis. At the UN, Mr Butler said any change in the national composition of the teams did not alter the fundamental question about Saddam's arsenal. "I

don't know how changing the nationality is going to change the objectivity of the science, but let's see," he said. "Maybe this is the beginning of a diplomatic way out of this crisis."

acting on behalf of the United States Government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination." This ban was the result of revulsion over a string of American plots to assassinate President Castro of Cuba and other leaders who were not to Washington's liking.

As for Saddam's hoped-for demise, Richard Haass, White House Middle East expert during the Gulf War, told *Time*: "I have yet to see anything remotely persuasive about how you could take out Saddam. A wish is not a policy."

## America considers how to bring about the death of a President

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

### ASSASSINATION DEBATE

A DEBATE is growing in the United States over the moral and practical issues of assassinating President Saddam Hussein.

George Stephanopoulos, formerly a close aide to President Clinton, said: "We should kill him." Thomas Friedman, foreign affairs columnist for *The New York Times*, has discussed a "head shot" for Saddam. An essay in *Time* asks: "Isn't it moral — as with Hitler in

1938 — to take this one life before he takes thousands more, or hundreds or even one?"

Targeting Saddam is not that simple. He is wily, uses doubles, frequently purges his inner circle, has his food checked for poison and has spent years shuffling among dozens of residences to evade his many enemies.

Norman Schwarzkopf, who led allied forces during the Gulf War,

recalled at the weekend how every Iraqi command-and-control centre was bombed in the first three days of the conflict. "Obviously that meant we were attacking places where we thought Saddam would be, but he wasn't there," the general said. "Somehow he received advance word we were coming, or he was just darned lucky."

General Schwarzkopf said he has concluded that Saddam is impos-

sible to find without an intelligence network in Iraq with inside information about where he will be. Even if allied forces had continued to Baghdad at the end of the war, he was quite sure they would still not have found Saddam.

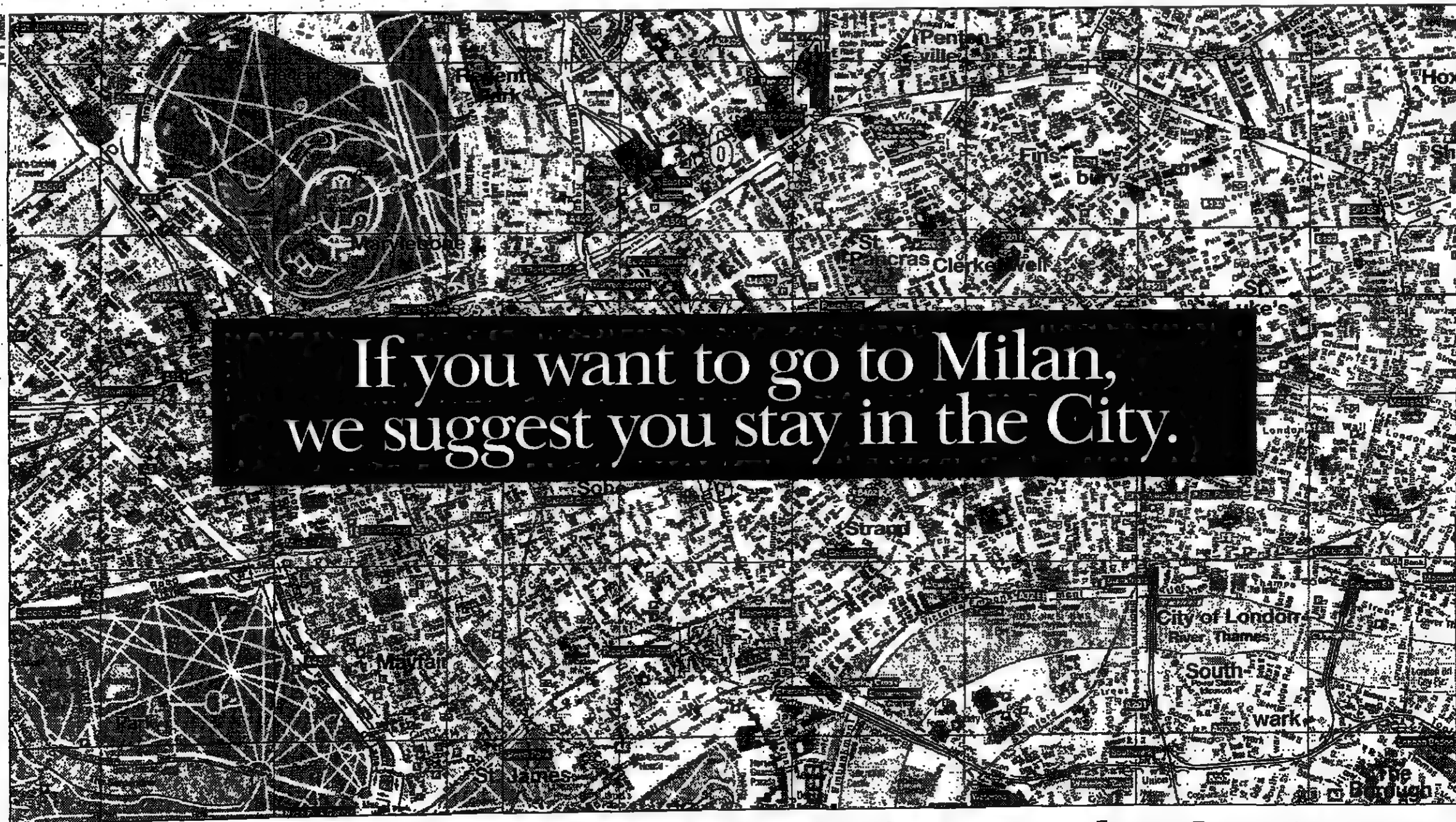
Both the general and George Bush, the former President, remain convinced that the Gulf War coalition would have ruptured if the Americans and British had attempted to press on to eliminate Saddam when they seemed to have him on the run. In a BBC

documentary, *The Search for Peace*, to be aired on Sunday, Mr Bush declares: "I know the French would have left us in a minute. I know the Egyptians and Turks have been gone and Syria would have been long gone had we rolled into Baghdad." He adds: "Who's going to find the most secure potentate dictator in the world?"

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Stephanopoulos said Saddam must be killed.



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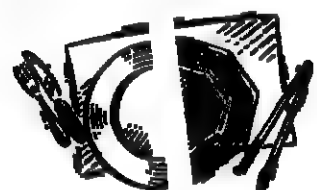
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# Aboriginal art world is rocked by fresh scandal

Welshman claims  
to have painted  
many prized  
indigenous works  
Roger Maynard  
writes from Sydney

A WELSHMAN who claims to have produced some of Australia's most valuable indigenous paintings has found himself at the centre of a scandal that could undermine the Aboriginal art industry.

Ray Beamish, who used to live with Kathleen Petyarre, the prize-winning Aboriginal artist, has alleged that he is the main painter of many of her works, which have a combined value of hundreds of thousands of pounds. He claims to have developed the distinctive "sacred women's dreaming" style of painting that was attributed to his former partner.

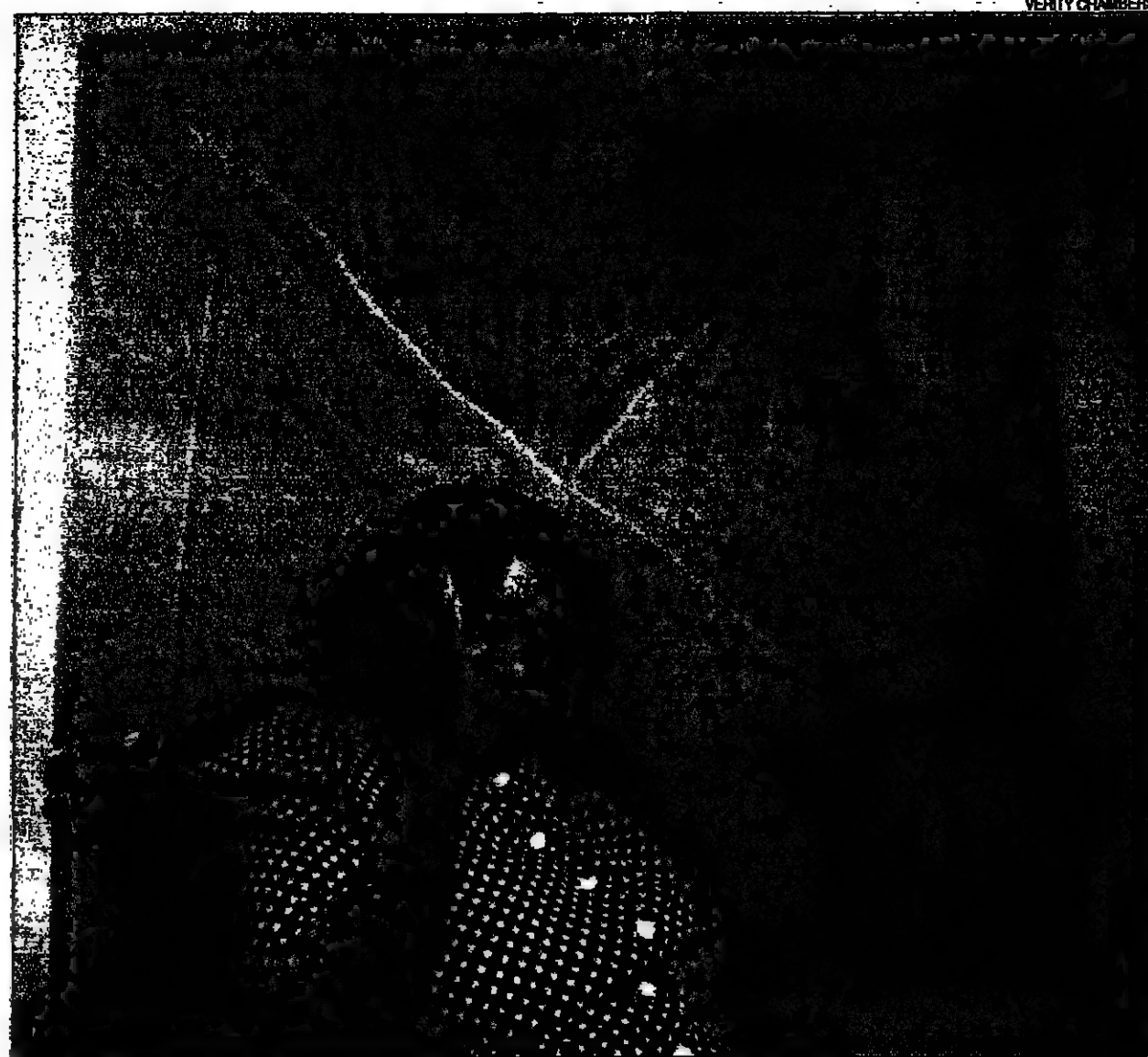
Beamish also says he is the main painter of her *Storm in Atnangkere Country II*, which won Australia's most prestigious and longest-running Aboriginal art award, the 1996 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award.

If true, the allegations overshadow any previous scandal about the identity of Aboriginal painters, including last year's disclosure that an elderly West Australian pastoralist, Elizabeth Durack, had successfully misled Australia's art world by pretending to be an Aboriginal artist called Eddie Birrup.

Susan McCulloch, the co-author of the *Encyclopaedia of Australian Art*, said: "What this means in the broader context is that a storm of serious proportions will hit the Aboriginal art industry. Now, for the first time, a big indigenous-only prize has been won by what I believe to be a non-authentic work."

The controversy came to light amid tension surrounding the couple's recent separation and mounting professional jealousies between rival art dealers.

According to Beamish the idea for the Telstra award-winning work was his alone and he painted at least 90 per cent of it. "She probably would



Kathleen Petyarre, with *Storm in Atnangkere Country II*, the painting that won her a prestigious Aboriginal art award. Her contribution to the work is in dispute.

have done a day's dots," he said.

Ms Petyarre has also admitted that her ex-partner had worked with her on some of her paintings, including "the middle" of the Telstra work. However, in a statement issued later by her lawyers she insisted that he had only helped her in "marking out the canvases" and maintained that she was "the author of any of the paintings signed by me". She said: "I have been given these Dreamings by my grandfather and only me and my sisters are allowed to paint our stories."

While these latest allegations will send shock waves through an industry that gen-

erates millions of pounds on the international art market, some observers believe it will also force the industry to address fundamental questions over authorship. Fuelled by admiring comments of critics and curators, many Aboriginal painters have found their work suddenly worth thousands of pounds. Gallery owners who used to enjoying fat commissions for selling indigenous paintings of sometimes questionable quality also have a vested interest in the continued growth of the market. Many experts have promoted Aboriginal works of art as Australia's only true artistic heritage, likening them to the

equivalent of Turners and Constables.

When Durack, who is of Irish descent, revealed that Birrup was merely a figment of her imagination, the 52-year-old white woman embarrassed the cognoscenti and infuriated the nation's indigenous artists.

Ms McCulloch said she believed the latest claims could only help towards a general industry clean-up. "Any hints that things may not be as they seem make potential purchasers extremely wary and can cost millions of dollars in sales... a great pity considering the amounts of fair dealing and genuine art which is around," she said.



Beamish claims he is the main painter

## New York pigeon poisoner makes city no-fly zone

FROM TUNIKU VARADARAJAN  
IN NEW YORK

POLICE and animal welfare groups in New York are engaged in a frantic search for a serial killer who, operating at night, has poisoned thousands of the city's pigeons.

Large clusters of pigeon carcasses were discovered last week on the plush Upper West Side, where pigeons are normally better fed than in any other part of New York. Numerous dead birds have also been found in the city centre, as well as Greenwich Village, suggesting that the poisoner is on an "extermination mission".

New York is home to many hundreds of thousands of pigeons, so a few thousand dead does not signify a demographic disaster. Pigeons here are not only ubiquitous, they are also bold, noisy, pushy, greedy and dirty. In fact, many in the city are quietly applauding the killer, in a manner reminiscent of Londoners who cheered last year when someone stole over 2,000 pigeons from Trafalgar Square.

Reflecting city-wide sentiment, Elizabeth Warburton, a Briton living in New York, said: "I hope this doesn't sound callous, but I cannot bring myself to disapprove of someone who wages war on a menace like these pigeons."

However, Peter Parris, a spokesman for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, took a less sympathetic view of the matter. Speaking to *The New York Times*, he said: "We feel that this is someone who truly hates pigeons and could be a very disturbed person." Mr Parris, however, added darkly: "He may not stop at pigeons. Who knows what other animal he may dislike?"

The killer's night-time modus operandi is simple. He (or she) first locates breadcumbs and birdseed with a lethal pesticide called carbofuran, and then scatters the poisoned food at strategic points where pigeons are known to congregate.

When the birds awaken, they feed to their fill before departing, poisoned, to another world.

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## Corporate giants win supporting role at La Scala

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE troubled La Scala opera house, which staged the premieres of Verdi and Puccini and flourished under Toscanini, yesterday passed into the hands of a private foundation funded by a who's who of Italian industry headed by Firelli, the Milan-based company famous for both its tyres and its calendars.

Riccardo Muti, the conductor and La Scala's artistic director, welcomed the "rejuvenation" of the opera house, but warned investors not to overstep their role by trying to "interfere in La Scala's artistic life or dictate its choice of productions".

The privatisation scheme is the brainchild of Walter Veltroni, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture, with the support of Carlo Fontana, the opera director, and Signor Muti. Under a new Italian law, all 13 opera houses will become private foundations — with both private and public funding — by June 1999. The experiment, with La Scala leading the way, will be watched by other opera houses, including the Royal Opera House and English National Opera.

Ticket sales cover only 20 per cent of the running costs of Italian opera houses, and the rest has until now been met by central and local government. Under the new scheme at La Scala, private companies will have a 40 per cent holding, with public authorities controlling 60 per cent. The state will provide £33 million annually, with Firelli giving £2 million, and banks and insurance companies footing the rest of the bill.

Signor Fontana said private companies would not just have a "supporting role" but would be part of the opera house and its decision-making process. "This is more than sponsorship, which has not always been a constructive factor in the music business," Signor Fontana said. He said La Scala might cut costs further by sharing productions with the San Carlo Opera House in Naples and



Anna Caterina Antonacci performing at La Scala

La Fenice Opera House in Venice, which burned down in January last year but is due to reopen "as it was, where it was" by 2000.

Signor Muti said the new La Scala Foundation needed "iron cast written rules" to ensure that "absolute liberty and artistic autonomy" were safeguarded. He said he hoped privatisation would enable La Scala to "re-live its golden age and recapture the spirit of the 1920s, when under Arturo Toscanini it was a model for the world of opera".

He added: "But I say to the private investors, let us understand each other clearly: by investing money you do not acquire the right to decide whether it is better to stage Luigi Spontini's *The Vestal Virgin* or some other lighter, romantic opera."

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FROM TONY VACCARONE  
IN NEW YORK

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Large clusters of pigeon droppings were found on the plane of the New York City Police Department.

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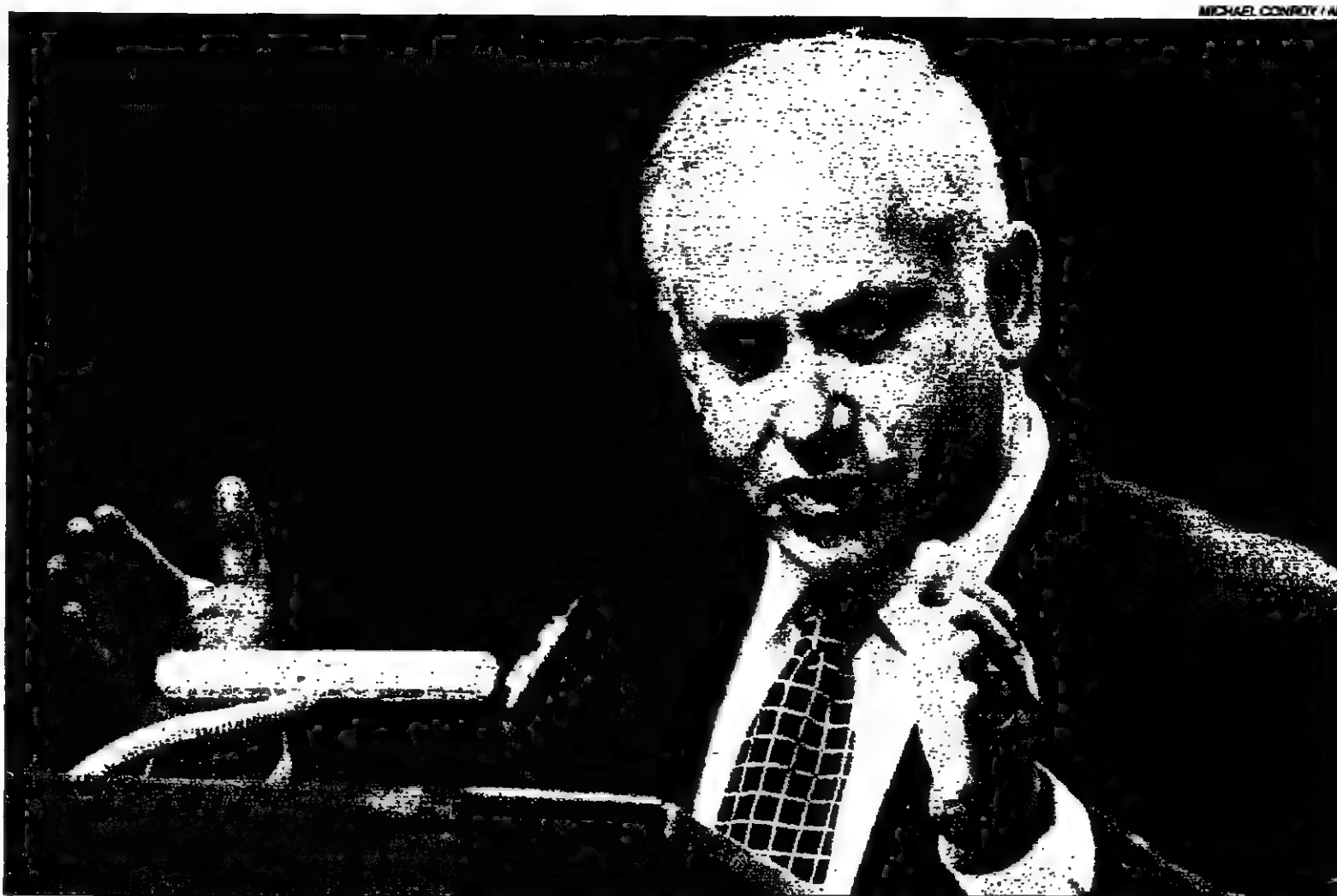
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# US Jews attack Israeli 'identity' Bill

Netanyahu is at the centre of a row over who can claim to be a Jew, Tunku Varadarajan writes



Mr Netanyahu addressing the Indianapolis conference, where he was jeered when he tried to allay American Jews' fears over identity

AMERICAN Jews, enraged by a Bill before the Knesset that would give Orthodox rabbis a monopoly over conversion to Judaism, have dealt a hostile reception to Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, who is visiting the United States.

Reform and conservative Jews constitute more than 80 per cent of America's Jewish population, and their leaders argue that the Bill effectively relegates them to the status of "second-class Jews". Mr Netanyahu, who relies on 23 Orthodox MPs to keep his rickety parliamentary coalition afloat, has expressed support for the Bill, thus drawing criticism in America.

According to *The New York Times* yesterday, the Bill has upset Jews here so much that many are redirecting their donations to non-governmental organisations in Israel, or even to causes that bear no relation to Israel.

Talking about the "who is a Jew" Bill, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a leading conservative scholar at New York University, said that "there is not an American Jewish family in which there is not a convert by Reform or conservative rabbi". He added: "When Israel starts carrying on and saying these are not Jews, we are being informed that many of our nieces and nephews and, alas, some of our children and grandchil-

dren are not Jews. And that is what people care about."

Gary Tobin, director of the Cohen Centre for Modern Jewish Studies, said that American Jews, given their high rate of intermarriage with non-Jews, "do not want anyone telling them that their children are not really Jews".

Mr Netanyahu was hissed and booed when he addressed a meeting in Indianapolis on Sunday, organised by the American Council of Jewish Federations. Many wore buttons on their lapels that said: "Israel, don't write off four million Jews."

Anticipating the hostile reception, Mr Netanyahu had a conciliatory speech prepared for the gathering, in which he insisted that there was "no such thing as a second-class Jew". In an impassioned address, he said: "I would like to express myself... as a friend who is deeply and abutely aware of your bewilderment and pain. I want to state as emphatically as I can: no one, nobody, can deprive a Jew of his Jewishness."

"No power on earth can rob any Jew of his or her identity. There can be no such thing as a second-class Jew. Every Jew — every Jew — is a legitimate Jew. Period. We are all equal before God."

In words that will now earn sharp criticism from Orthodox quarters back home, Mr Netanyahu said:

"The membership in our faith and in our people is not the exclusive domain of anyone. It is this exclusivity, however, that Israel's powerful Orthodox lobby lays claim to, and

which the Prime Minister has endorsed in the recent past. Mr Netanyahu's words, which appeared to soothe some American leaders — but failed to convince others —

coincided with inflammatory remarks made in Jerusalem by Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. The rabbi, whose words have been latched on to by American Jews as evidence

that "something is rotten in the state of Israel", said: "The Reform does not belong with the people of Israel. These people should be cast out, vomited out, so that they will not

remain in Israel." The religious Shas party has ten seats in the Knesset, and Mr Netanyahu's words in Indianapolis will have infuriated the grassroots membership.

## Trial of Papon suspended



Papon: doctors said he was unfit to stand trial

Paris: The trial of Maurice Papon was suspended yesterday when the ailing former bureaucrat, accused of crimes against humanity during the Second World War, was taken to hospital suffering from double pneumonia. (Ben Macintyre writes)

M. Papon, 87, who stands accused of deporting more than 1,500 Jews to Nazi death camps, was declared unfit for trial after being examined by doctors at a Bordeaux hospital.

The court ruled that hearing would not resume until November 27 at the earliest. The trial was due to be

completed by Christmas, but M. Papon's failing health has already caused delays and the legal process is now expected to last well into next year.

The former senior official of the collaborationist Vichy regime has lost 13lb over the past ten days according to his lawyers, who bitterly rejected suggestions that M. Papon was feigning illness to avoid difficult cross-examination on his wartime role.

"No one can doubt M. Papon's desire to see this trial through to the end... no talk of defence tactics is shameful," Marc Varsaut, his lawyer, said.

## Centre Left sweeps Italian local elections

FROM RICHARD OWEN  
IN ROME

ITALY'S ruling centre-left coalition won a series of stunning victories in Sunday's local elections, according to results published yesterday with the left-wing mayors of Rome, Venice and Naples returning to power with landslide majorities.

The result was seen as a further boost for the Government of Professor Romano Prodi, and a crushing defeat for the Centre Right led by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and former Prime Minister, whose leadership of the Opposition is in serious doubt.

*La Stampa* said that only 18 months after it lost the last general election, the

Centre Right — an increasingly uneasy alliance of Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia, the "post Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale led by Gianfranco Fini, and two small parties formed from the remnants of the once mighty Christian Democrats — was "falling apart".

Three mayors scored personal triumphs, including Antonio Bassolino, the popular former Communist Mayor of Naples, who won 73 per cent of the vote. Italy's left-wing city administrations have benefited from cash pumped into millennium projects and government job creation schemes. In Venice Massimo Cacciari, the left-wing philosopher, won 65 per cent of the vote and in Rome Francesco Rutelli, the photogenic former Green, won 60 per cent.

Signor Berlusconi said the turnout had been relatively low at 76 per cent, and the the mayors had attracted votes because they were popular rather than because they were left-wing.

But most newspapers echoed Signor Cacciari's assessment that the vote, involving five provincial councils and 421 city and town councils, underlined the collapse of the Right. *La Repubblica* said Signor Prodi was riding high despite his "austerity budget" to enable Italy to meet the European single currency criteria, and his recent parliamentary pact with the hard Left.

The Centre Right held on to handful of councils, winning Latina, Macerata and Chieti, and may yet defeat the Centre Left in the run-off in Genoa.

## WORLD SUMMARY

### Hungary votes to join Nato

Bonn: Hungary has voted by an overwhelming majority to join Nato (Roger Boyes writes). The official result of Sunday's referendum showed that more than 85 per cent of voters favoured Nato membership, despite evidence over the past few months of substantial resistance. The turnout was 51 per cent.

### China pit tragedy

Beijing: At least 87 miners were killed in a gas explosion at a coalmine in central China. A further 36 were brought out alive but two rescue workers were killed trying to reach them. (Reuters)

### Banda in coma

Blantyre: Hastings Kamuzu Banda, the nonagenarian former dictator of Malawi, has been flown to South Africa for emergency treatment after being in a coma for two days with pneumonia. (AFP)

### Sharif in court

Islamabad: Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's Prime Minister, appeared before the Supreme Court after allegedly making slanderous remarks against the Chief Justice. He may be forced to step down.

### Nigeria change

Abuja: General Sani Abacha, Nigeria's military ruler, said he has dismissed his Cabinet so that some of them could take part in his plan to restore civilian rule to the country next year. (Reuters)

### Born winners

Paris: A retired French couple called Loterie have won more than £10 million (£1 million) in the country's lottery. Their family name was given to an ancestor by hospital officials. (AFP)

### Time exposure

Geneva: Music boxes and watches featuring clockwork erotica fetched two to three times their estimates at auction here. The biggest surprise was a 1997 Geneva watch that fetched £23,500. (AFP)

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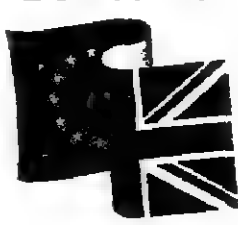
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The more that British women are aware of the advantages of EU membership, the more they will be able to benefit from them. We applaud the efforts of the current Europe 97 campaign to make this information known.

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CHANGING TIMES



# Bombs, bullets and sedatives

Englishwoman Lynne Mastnak is the only practising psychiatrist in Gorazde, a town where the population is grieving, shell-shocked and, sometimes, dangerous. This is her diary

MONDAY

Something has happened in Gorazde. I have the feeling I am on the receiving end of an exponential increase in violence and distress, as if my being a psychiatrist here has suddenly given people permission to go mad. This morning, instead of preparing my seminar, I had to see a young woman who had stopped me in the hospital courtyard two days ago saying she was having a nervous breakdown. The story is a simple one: Elvira is 18 and she and her husband are refugees from a village near Visegrad (now in Republika Srpska). They share two rooms—a bedroom and living room/kitchen—with his sister and her husband. The latter couple sleep in the kitchen, but the two women were fighting all the time, so Elvira decided to set up separate cooking facilities in the bedroom. This led to an almighty family row, with her husband threatening to leave, and Elvira running out and jumping into Drina. As she sits there with dark shadows under her eyes, wringing her hands, saying she hadn't wanted to die but did not know what to do, I suddenly recognise her. Back in Britain, I had been seeing her counterpart on the emergency wards at least once a week for two years: there'd been a row with parents or boyfriend the night before and she'd reached for a bottle of paracetamol as one clear way of communicating intolerable distress. Here the river is more accessible, and while I can reassure the girl that she is not going mad, and that getting the family together to talk about the conflict might provide a more lasting solution than the injections of diazepam she has been getting from the emergency room, I cannot provide new accommodation or any possibility of a return home.

In the afternoon two social workers interrupted a crucial seminar to ask if I could come and see another 18-year-old who had been holding her family at bay with a shotgun, and threatening to kill herself. When, after some hours, the police had disarmed her, she had bitten them and become

highly disturbed. At the police station we talk and she tells me of her best friend's suicide in front of her a year ago, also with a shotgun, which she replays and replays in her mind. She is certain that she will try to kill herself again if given a chance. My immediate choice is between admission to the intensive care ward in Sarajevo or to a police cell. The police tell me the cells are full and the hospital social worker tells me it is too late for a car to take the "blue route" through Republika Srpska (RS), which means using the "Corridor" over Grabac mountain, but as yet the hospital ambulance is not back from a journey to Sarajevo. Dr A in the emergency room says it's not her problem. If the girl shoots her

family and herself it certainly will be, I shout. The trouble with shouting through my translator, Dzibrila, is that she gets the flask from me, and Dr A just gets Dzibrila's careful moderate tones. Never mind: I got my ambulance and a nurse escort. I cannot raise anyone at the Kosovo

hospital in Sarajevo on the phone, so I write a letter and pray they will accept her.

Before I came out here, I thought the "Corridor" promised by the Dayton peace plan was a decent highway, like the road to West Berlin, linking the former enclave of Gorazde safely to the Bosnian Croat Federation without going through RS. The reality is four parallel lines on a map and a single track road that is benignly named "Canary" on the floor maps and on little white placards beside the road. The name doesn't seem particularly appropriate for a route that is in large part a dirt track and that switchbacks across mountains, taking four hours to drive in the winter. There is a bus twice a day that goes through RS and takes only two hours, but when Dzibrila was on it a few weeks ago, it was stoned by four youths outside Rogazica, glass shattering by her head. Cars with Gorazde numberplates are often stopped by Serb police who offer the driver the choice between an instant fine and a court appearance. UNHCR has argued that there should be a uniform numberplate for the whole country so that it is



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impossible to identify a driver's origin, but there is no sign of this being implemented.

TUESDAY

Lunch at Médecins sans Frontières, then back to the "counselling flat". This is the small rented apartment I use for seminars, group and family work, and individual work

with children. Once a week, four GPs come from the hospital for a two-hour seminar in psychological medicine. Given their workload, I am both touched and impressed by their persistent interest, but they know that unless the Ministry of Health pulls its finger out, when MSF leaves there will once again be no psychiatrist in Gorazde. The town did have a psychiatrist once. He left for Austria with his two children at the beginning of the war. There is an excess of psychiatrists in Sarajevo, but none of them wants to move here. Part of this is metropolitan snobishness; mostly it is uncertainty about the future of the town.

WEDNESDAY

Word seems to have got round among the Bosnian Army

soldiers that I am OK. Another new one came today, with a painful story of beating and imprisonment. He has already given testimony at The Hague and the story had a slightly rehearsed feel about it. Repeated telling is clearly not enough, however. Before I arrived I was worried that working through an interpreter would be too inhibiting, but my patients tell me they don't mind. Indeed, they prefer the fact that I am an outsider, saying that they could not talk this way to someone local. In the afternoon 11 children come for a bereavement group, which I run with Amra, the local paediatric nurse. Every one of the children has lost at least one parent during the war. At the assessment interviews it was the remaining parents who burst into tears: the children were calm, seri-

ous and attentive. The children seem to love their group, perhaps because it is their only chance to talk like this. Last week we discussed change and loss. Today each child told us exactly who had died, and as we went round the room listening to each solemn declaration — my father was shot on the front line, my mother was hit by a grenade in the bathroom, my father was hit by snipers in the street — it was Amra and I who were crying.

THURSDAY

I am beginning to understand a little more about the expression of grief in this society. One of my patients today was a middle-aged man who lost his 12-year-old daughter three years ago: she was hit by a grenade when playing outside. He has never cried. He believes it would be wrong to do so, as parents crying over children fill the grave with tears, and prevent the child being happy in paradise. Like so many I see, he has terrible chest pain. "This is not an imaginary pain," I tell him, "your heart aches with grief." This makes sense to him, but he still prefers not to talk about it and I do not necessarily think that the insistence on the expression of emotion, beloved by Western psychiatrists, will be healing if it goes against the grain of what he believes to be right. Here, no one is a bystander, everyone is suffering.

MONDAY

Another emergency, another angry soldier. Semir is tall, thin, flushed and articulate. Words pour out: he believes the retreat from the Serb

offensive in 1994 was mishandled by the Bosnian Army and that was why his best friend died; he fantasises about blowing up the café where "those responsible" drink. I hear similar stories from others. With Nedjad it is fury at the local police, who, he feels, had a cushy war while he was on the front line, and now they have jobs and swagger around in their uniforms. There is one in particular he would like to kill: indeed he had his shotgun with him the other night and thought of using it. This is my other problem — how to assess dangerousness.

They are angry, resentful, irritable and on drugs of various kinds; most have access to dangerous weapons and have spent the past four years having to kill people in order to survive. I have already sent one obviously psychotic young man to Sarajevo in handcuffs. Nedjad is not psychotic, and I hope that ventilating his feelings once a week, and promising to leave his gun at home in the evenings, is enough for now. Semir, on the other hand, is very ill: besides his anger with his own side, he has developed paranoid ideas about his wife, suspecting her of creeping out every night to have an affair. He imagines noises and hallucinates faces in the house. He knows he is sick, however, and wants to take medication: his wife is supportive and understanding and neither wants him to go to hospital. I have sedated him with large amounts of anti-psychotic drugs, which I pray will help to change his thinking and give us a chance to talk at a more ordinary pace.

What comes across from all these young men is a feeling of waste, betrayal and hopelessness. They feel that nothing is finished, that there is no point in trying to restart their lives, as who knows when war might start again. So they hang out in the local bars drinking brandy and exchanging prescriptions and rumours. I feel as isolated from the political mainstream as the rest of the population. So I listen, and feel quite unable to offer those things that would be really healing: some feeling of security, some sense of a future, some idea that justice has been done.

FRIDAY

Mrs C came in with her niece this morning and kissed me on the cheek. She is an elderly lady whom I first saw three months ago, one of the old and vulnerable whom the war has tipped back into illness. From what I could piece together she had had a manic episode ten years ago followed by a bout of depression. On her first visit to me she was not interested in giving a history, sitting there in her headscarf and cardigan, waving her arm at me in the peculiar gesture older women have here, a cross between beckoning someone to come close and throwing a lasso — and saying repeatedly "I can't sleep, I can't eat, please give me some medicine". I told her that in England patients complain that doctors are too brief and do not listen, and that it was a first for me to be told I was talking too long. This produced a half-smile, and her niece persuaded her to be patient and answer my ques-

tions. Eventually it became clear that she became manic again last autumn when there was news that her son might have been found. He has been missing for four years, since going to the city for food, falling asleep on the journey and getting captured by the Serbs. The hopes of his return proved false and she became ill and was in hospital in Sarajevo. They put her on anti-psychotic medication, but she got very depressed and also seemed to be suffering from the restlessness that such drugs can cause. So I stopped them and started her on anti-depressants. The restlessness has gone, she is now eating, sleeping, and working round the house again. She is very pleased with me, although still not interested in talking.

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Evacuation from Sarajevo

35 community-based rehabilitation centres for victims of the conflict all around the country. Gorazde will have one and it looks very impressive on paper, although no provision has been made for salaries, so it remains unclear who will staff it. The single intervention that would have the biggest impact on mental health would be implementation of the Dayton agreement: freedom of movement would not only mean that I could get my patients to hospital in safety and that the staff necessary for a decent community mental health service could move to Gorazde, but it would also jump-start the town's economy and enable a return to normal life. The fact of the matter is that Gorazde is under a social and economic siege almost as effective as the previous military siege.

Seka, our programme officer, who has lived here throughout the four-year siege, calls Gorazde and its surrounding pocket of land "the appendix". It is exactly the right shape. It has only a vestigial significance for the body politic and is easy to cut off if it gets inflamed. Yet on clear days the Drina turns its own peculiar vivid blue. You can walk across the pedestrian bridge in the centre of the town as children run past you on their way to school. There are freshly painted buildings and young people sitting on café terraces. There are men fishing and an old woman with goats on the riverbank. It is easy to understand why local people still believe this a town worth saving.

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# The shame of being a luvvie on the dole

Tough benefit rules are forcing 'resting' thespians into roles that are anything but dignified. Grace Bradberry reports

As *The Full Monty* continues to break box office records, one section of the population is not laughing: unemployed actors. For them, a nude cabaret routine is not an escapist fantasy but a gruesome possibility — the next time the phone rings it could be the local jobcentre offering something similar.

Signing on has always been a fall-back for the acting profession. Now this situation is under intense scrutiny and actors are being pressurised into taking what they consider is unsuitable work.

Eva Marie Bryer, a 28-year-old actress now appearing in the Channel 4 series *Underworld*, is among those who feel increasingly vulnerable. After five successful years in the business, she has worked only three times this year. Under the current rules, she can restrict her job search to her own profession for the first 13 weeks only. After that, if the jobcentre alerts her to a vacancy, she must apply and will generally be expected to accept the job. So while actresses pray for their agents to phone, they dread a call from the jobcentre — particularly if it has a vacancy in "their field".

In July this year, Miss Bryer received such a call. Would she please come to an interview for modelling work? "I thought, 'Oh no, my agent's going to have a fit,'" she says. She was told the job was as an extra for photography. No one could tell her what the pictures were for.

The interview took place at Islington Jobcentre, where the photographer had installed himself behind a screen. "There were loads of other people there and we were all herded upstairs, where we had to fill out a form. It asked us our age, height and so on, but the main question in it, as far as I was concerned, was whether I would object to being photographed nude or partially nude."

"I knew that if I put 'Yes, I do object', I was not going to get this job. In any normal situation for me as an actress, it would have been a straightforward choice. But in this case there was an extra issue: if I put 'no' and didn't get the job, would I then be cut off from the dole? In the end I put that I did

object, and hoped and prayed that they wouldn't stop the payments."

Miss Bryer was not the only applicant to have a problem with nude modelling. "We were all given a great big number, and one by one we had a Polaroid taken," she says. "After a while, the photographer came out and said, 'Listen, everybody's asking about the nudity. This is a kosher job, it's for a German firm's annual calendar.'"

The idea was to have people coming back from a nudist camp in a taxi. "It will be very tastefully done," he said. "No hairy bits."

"We all tried to laugh. Some gay put his hand up and said, 'What's the partially nude bit?' thinking he

**'It turned out to be a gay cabaret act — and I am not a gay man'**

might be able to do that. But it was more than a matter of principle. How an actress is viewed makes an enormous difference to the work she is offered. "This would be ten steps down the ladder," says Miss Bryer.

The following day, she called the jobcentre to ask whether she had been chosen. "The man said he had not heard anything, I said, 'Well, I'm not really surprised.' He said, 'Oh, why's that?' 'Did you know we were asked to be photographed nude?' He said he would phone me back."

There is no suggestion that jobcentre staff deliberately sent clients for nude modelling work. Indeed, they firmly believed that the job did not involve nudity. Miss Bryer was, apparently, unnecessarily alarmed by a standard form used by the photographer. She concedes that she was never pressurised into agreeing to nude photography. Her complaint is that the job had not been vetted properly, and that it was unclear how far she was expected to go, as it were,

in order to retain her benefit. In the future, however, Miss Bryer may soon lose her right to the dole altogether. As the weekend it was revealed that Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, is considering ending the special arrangements whereby actors are classified as self-employed by the Inland Revenue but as 'employed earners' by the Benefits Agency.

This special status allows actors to offset their expenses against tax, but also to pay higher rate National Insurance contributions. If this right is abolished they will only qualify for means tested benefits, not for the Job Seekers' allowance.

The previous Government dropped similar proposals after Equity, the actors' union, argued that the Treasury would lose revenue if actors and their employers paid lower-rate contributions.

For actresses like Miss Bryer, the changes are a worrying prospect. "It's a nightmare," she says. "I will mean that anyone who starts out with family money will be fine, but for anybody else it will really be difficult. I'm panicked by it."

Whether the proposals are implemented or not, Miss Bryer already feels increasing pressure to take work that is potentially damaging to her career. She is not the only one to have faced such situations. Sandy Rees, an agent with the London theatrical company Ken McReddie, was horrified when one of her clients was approached by her local benefits office and asked to apply for work as an extra. "She is an established actress, someone that people would recognise," says Mr Rees. "There is no question that for her, working as an extra would be extremely detrimental to her career."

"She was asked to send in photographs which would be forwarded to the relevant people. There was no way of knowing whether she would be selected. If she was, she would be working for £60 a day — but that is not really the point. Not only would the assignment damage her career, but the whole arrangement was unethical — it turned out that the job was being advertised by an agency in Southend, which would be collecting a fee. I called the man she had dealt with and explained that taking this job would damage her



Eva Marie Bryer, sent by her jobcentre to a modelling interview, was asked if she would object to being photographed nude

chances of getting real work. On top of that, it would be through another agency, which would mean her breaking her agreement with us. I got a very sympathetic ear, and nothing came of the whole thing."

Such instances are common, according to Virginia Wilde, the tax welfare benefits officer at Equity. "Since October last year, when the jobseeker's allowance came in, their powers have got much stronger," she says. "Officials can always say, 'Here's a vacancy, you have to go for it.'"

Most actors and actresses will not talk publicly about their experiences, for fear of harming their status. In the eyes of casting directors, "It can be embarrassing, unpleasant and horrible, so the people willing to publicise it are very rare," says Ms Wilde. "You don't want people to get wind of this sort of thing."

And it doesn't only happen to

women. One 38-year-old black actor, who describes his local jobcentre as "quite sympathetic", was humiliated to be put forward for a job which "they really thought would be suitable".

The potential employer specified that the applicant must have singing and movement skills. "It turned out to be a gay cabaret act. The job involved wearing leather and singing risqué songs, accompanied by gestures of a sexual nature."

"I said to the group's organiser, 'I don't think this is going to suit me at all. It's obviously intended for a gay actor and I'm not gay.' I asked if he would call the jobcentre to say that I was unsuitable. He agreed."

The future is likely to hold more such encounters. "I have a degree, I trained at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, I've worked for the RSC and the

National Theatre. But I'm also a black actor and it's increasingly difficult to find work at my age. My CV is full of work as a mugger, a young taxi driver and so on. The name Winston appears no end. I'm not complaining, I was very fortunate to get so many jobs playing hoodlums. But while other actors would have gone on to play doctors and lawyers, those parts are not there for me. The chap that would get those parts would be white, grey-haired and middle-aged. That is what people expect, even though my local hospital has lots of doctors who look like me."

It would be unfair to lay the blame for such incidents entirely at the door of jobcentre employees. Decisions on which jobs to advertise are left to their discretion. Earlier this year, an MP tabled a parliamentary question after one of her constituents complained at being put forward for what they considered to be an immoral job.

Yet despite an amendment to the guidelines issued to Employment Service employees, the position remains far from clear.

Paragraph 200 begins: "Experience has shown that vacancies in the modelling and personal services sector can, on occasion, cause embarrassment and distress to our clients, give rise to complaints and bring the Employment Service into disrepute." However, the next line states: "Legal advice indicates that arbitrary choices cannot be made as to whose vacancies to service and whose not."

The advice that follows includes the telling line: "Ensure that details of the type of organisation are displayed on the vacancy card (ie, escort agency, massage parlour, etc.)." If they are in doubt, jobcentre employees are advised not to advertise the vacancy.

It would be understandable if they were left confused by the rather woolly guidance.

## Why men can't be just good friends

Philip Delves Broughton was labelled an Aids risk by bankers who think cohabiting males must be gay



Boys together was once clean fun: now it's sleaze and disease

Until Barclays Bank entered my life, no one implied that I might be a homosexual. Granted, an excess of maternal affection may mean that I would never have made Hemingway feel like a big girl's blouse. But gay? Not unless there is some as yet unexplored corner of my psyche waiting to surprise me.

Barclays became a factor when I decided to buy a place to live in London. My choices were limited: a tiny flat in a good area; a larger flat in a lousy area; doubling up with a friend and buying a decent-sized place in a decent area.

I chose the third option, to pool resources with an old friend from school and university. He is unmarried, but he has rarely been without a girlfriend and is about as gay

as Casanova. The bank, however, was not so sure. "Two chaps buying a place together eh?" they thought. "Fishy."

Lester, from Barclays Insurance, who wears a ring on his left hand engraved with his initials, telephoned to say that in order to get life insurance to cover our mortgage, we would have to take some special tests.

What tests exactly? "HIV tests," he said.

Was this standard practice? "No. It's because you are two men buying together."

If one of us was a woman, all would be well. Two men, however, and we are what they call "a risk".

We are a risk not because we might be two ragingly heterosexual men who engage in non-stop, unprotected sex with a chocolate box of exotic

partners, or because we might be maintaining heroin from second-hand needles, but rather because we might be gay.

It was no good getting self-righteous with Lester. The housebuying process was already too far gone and we needed his money.

Lester gave me the telephone number of a mobile doctor and the first name of a nurse, Sarah. When I called her, Sarah asked: "When would it be convenient for you and your partner to come in for your HIV saliva test?"

We had gone from being two old friends who thought

that two salaries rather than one would carry more clout in the overheated London property market, via the frankly limp-wristed mortgage division of a high street bank and suspicions of a man called Lester to being called "partners" by the nurse at an HIV clinic.

In the eyes of the red-blooded and yahoos of Barclays Premier Banking, we might as well have been Liberace and T. E. Lawrence asking for a pair of one-way tickets to Tangier.

It is lucky we did not stop off along the way to look at wallpaper swatches or else

who knows what further pre-somptions might have been made.

More irritating than the presumptions and suspicions, however, were the possible implications.

For many types of insurance, companies ask applicants whether or not they have previously had an HIV test. Just admitting that you have had one, even if it was negative, can push up your premium on the ground that if you needed to have a test, you could be a risk.

Consequently, many people have these tests done anonymously. When a bank demands the test, however, it becomes impossible to have it anonymously.

The test itself was straightforward enough. I sucked on

a papery wad that was then taken off for analysis. Even for someone with a less than orgasmic sex life, the wait for the all-clear is a nervous one.

When the results came through the next day, however, no one bothered to telephone me. The bank's doctor made only one call, to my "partner", to say that both our tests were negative and the mortgage could go ahead.

Lester would probably have deployed his evil manoeuvre even if I had offered to engage in full-blown (but protected) coitus with a female receptionist on the floor of Barclays Insurance division to prove my lower risk status.

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# Why we all must pay for Oxbridge

The elite need public money too, says Anatole Kaletsky

“Socialism is the language of priorities.” This was one of the favourite slogans of Aneurin Bevan, the Labour left-winger who turned out to be the most successful minister in the post-war Attlee Government and whose centenary is celebrated by Britain’s dwindling band of Socialist stalwarts this week. Tony Blair, as we all know, has consigned Socialism to the dustbin. But has he also forgotten Bevan’s insight that to govern is to choose? Choosing among the desirable uses of public money is the essence of all active government; setting the right priorities matters more to believers in the positive, creative powers of government than it does to apostles of laissez faire.

This question of priorities will arise in a particularly emotive and surprising manner in the coming weeks, when the Government decides whether to stop a special payment of £35 million which it makes each year to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. This Oxbridge fee, which supports the two universities’ unusual system of personal tuition in semi-independent residential colleges, is a drop in the ocean of the Government’s £320 billion public expenditure budget. Yet it could become a defining issue for Mr Blair.

To put the matter at its starkest, if Mr Blair eliminates or suppresses the unique characteristics of these two world-renowned universities, he will show that the misadventures of the balance between collective action and economic individualism which underlies his entire political project.

One reason for this has been much discussed. Experience shows that great intellectual advances are most often made in centres of excellence which bring together the best minds in a wide range of subjects. (Think back to the Florence of the Medici or the Athens of Pericles).

There is nothing mysterious about this principle of concentration. It is simply an example of what economists call “increasing returns to scale”. This principle also explains the natural clustering of many non-academic economic activities, ranging from finance in the City of London to computer research in California and (dare I mention it?) racing-car production in the Midlands.

In sum, if the Government’s only objective were to maximise the intellectual payoff from every pound it spends on universities, it would do better to concentrate even more of its limited resources on Oxford, Cambridge and a handful of other unquestioned centres of academic excellence in Britain, forcing other universities to tighten their belts even harder.

But surely no Labour Government could contemplate such a policy of giving more money to the richest universities, while taking from the poorer ones and their students?

Here we must return to Nye Bevan’s priorities. Having allowed student numbers to

grow by 40 per cent with no increase in funding, the Government will clearly have to spend more money on the whole university system, once the present cap on public spending expires in April 1999. But where will this money come from? The answer is equally clear: it must come from a combination of higher taxes (perhaps in the guise of the new student loans) and cutbacks in other departments, ranging from Defence to Social Security. But how can a Labour Government channel scarce resources to universities, which means subsidising the education of the rich and the middle class?

Most present-day Labour politicians are totally floored by this question. They know in their bones that the Government ought to support higher education, science, culture and other “elite” activities. But how can they justify spending which favours the middle class? To Nye Bevan, I suspect, the answer would have been perfectly obvious.

The provision of cultural “public goods” such as education is one of the main functions of government. The Government’s ability to provide these goods to society

A State serving only the poor would be disaster

more effectively than individuals could buy them through the market is among the main reasons why middle-class voters are prepared to support a strong, active Government — and pay for it through their taxes. Public money spent on universities (or on opera) is a redistribution to the relatively rich. But such cultural spending is not only beneficial to society as a whole; it is also a necessary condition for retaining the commitment of the relatively rich to the entire system of taxation and public spending. The distributive effects of government activity must be judged not at the level of each individual programme but by the impact of the tax and public spending system as a whole on the gap between the rich and the poor. If the Government never spends on the middle class, it will soon lose its ability to take from the middle class.

As American experience shows, the middle class will gradually turn against the very idea of government if they feel they are getting nothing from government except tax demands.

For politicians such as Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher there was nothing better than to present government as no more than a funnel, which collects the money of the middle class and pours it straight into the maw of the poor and the unemployed. But for Tony Blair, who passionately believes in government’s ability to build a stronger society, a State which is seen to serve nobody but the poor would be a disaster.

For Mr Blair, there should be no higher priority than to show that a strong, competent Government is of service to all — and that includes even the Oxbridge elite.



## A land fit for Neros

Our countryside is being blighted while the Government fiddles over Formula One

I have had a happy daydream lately in which a gruff, tough, stoutish, golden-hearted old Labour figure of vaguely 1930s vintage knocks out the dottle from his pipeful of Old Navy shag, claps the quivering TV journalist on the shoulder with enough force to set his swivel-chair revolving, and says with a bluff manly bark of laughter: “Hey, lad, steady on. T’working man likes his flag, and t’working man likes his Formula One, and there’s an end to it. Oi, Mandelson, lad! My coat. I can’t stop here arguing, there’s health and education and crime to be sorted out by tea.”

No such luck. Instead we get days of cant and waffle and evasion over the three dull subjects in the Universe: flag advertising, motor-racing, and whether political parties should admit who gives them money. Of course they should: end of story. Nor am I terribly interested in whether Tony Blair has successfully convinced everybody he is a “straight guy” or whether, as one pundit portentously put it, “the petals really are off now”.

Who cares? Who wants bloody petals on a Prime Minister? We have got this Government for five years, so rather than analyse whether we love it enough we should urge and goad it to get on with what needs doing. The Formula One affair is, frankly, the legislative equivalent of rearranging the cutlery drawer while the house is on fire. What about resources for education, the newly published plans to dismantle the NHS internal market, and the debate on welfare provision currently raging between Harriet Harman and Frank Field? These things will change lives, the lives of people who are vulnerable and poor and have few choices. Faffing about with tobacco advertising — if it affects anyone — affects only people with freedom and money enough to make the choice to kipper their own lungs. Why are they such a high priority?

Today there is another issue, equally likely to be obscured by useless politicking. Michael Meacher, admittedly not the showiest of ministers, has promised to toughen up the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. He is preparing a new Bill, “but of course I do have to compete with other ministers” (translation: not a hope).

This is his response to a lobby of 22 groups, from Friends of the Earth to the Marine Conservation Society,

who have proposed a Wildlife Charter to give more protection to heathland, estuaries, grassland and moors and to enforce remedies for damage and to make it less financially desirable for farmers to plough grassland and grub out hedges.

Yes, that still happens: these things may sound like old battles, fought and won ten years ago, but they are not. The battle for sympathy did well, so that every schoolchild is at some stage forcibly taken pond-dipping; but meanwhile they are still rooting out hedges, spraying herbicides and pesticides and ploughing up ancient grassland.

The organisations make the point that it is not only sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs) that count, but the wider scene: there is absolutely no point protecting a marsh fritillary if you allow its source of food to be destroyed. Anyway, even SSSIs are not safe: in five years from 1991 one in five of them was damaged. So what hope for the next rung down — ESAs, or environmentally sensitive areas, where farmers can get a small subsidy for not wrecking the joint?

Plainly, there is no hope at all for bits of green land with no fancy initials: according to the last Government’s made-up figures (adopted zombie-like, unquestioned, by the present crew) this is where we shall build half of the 4.4 million new homes which will be “needed” because of the forecast rate of family break-up.

The new charter is moderate and urgent and uncomfortably well supported by fact. We are losing our native wildlife, animal and plant species are dying for lack of food, or because their wetland is destroyed by careless extraction by water companies which find it cheaper than fixing leaky pipes. They are being crowded out by invasive, alien crops or concrete over. Governments and local authorities pushed for cash and with an eye on “planning gain” are almost invariably a pushover for any developer who makes noises about

green values and “sensitive landscaping”. Even when a landowner is found to have done massive illegal damage it is very rare indeed for the culprit to be made to restore it. Sometimes, in any case, it is impossible.

As for the way we treat the sea, don’t even let me start on that or you will be stuck here all day with me raving about sand-eels and puffins and seal mortality and the proposal to use the most fragile part of the East Coast as an offshore oil-transfer site. Everywhere in this issue you find muddle and evasion and lack of commitment and unregarded ministers’ short-termism.

There are Third World countries which have more coherent environmental policies than we do. I suppose it wouldn’t matter if this was some flat, dreary polder or monotonous prairie, the kind of landscape where you need save only a few square miles to get the general idea of what the rest was like. But we happen to live on a precious jewel. Sailing round it, as we once did in one summer, you gasp at the variety: from marsh and sandling heaths to chalk downs, granite cliffs, jagged limestone and deep forests. And that is just the edge. Trek inland and we have quiet meadows, wild moors, holy woodland, tumbling rivers, brooding lakes and broads. To value them you need not have your own species: varied and quirky to start with, the landscape has accepted centuries of human husbandry to become even more diverse. Its shapes and vistas offer a valuable, visible history lesson about the development and endeavours of man in nature.

Man’s interference, though, was previously held in check by his capacities. To live and eat we had to change the face of the land: but because we were weak we did it respectfully, with an eye to natural regeneration. The wildlife thrived on this, existing in cosy symbiosis with the farmer and herdsman (think of

the miraculous, almost extinct harvest mouse). The Norfolk Broads and the Somerset Levels, intricately made, enriched as much as they destroyed. It is only in a short eyeflick of history that we have grown so powerful with our concrete and our chemicals that for the first time there is a pressing need for us to show mercy towards nature. Most people sense that. Even ten years ago, surveys already showed 87 per cent of the British public worried about the decline of wildlife. And yes, Labour, the urban poor have a right to worry, too. Inner-city primary schools have plenty of small children anxious that by the time they get to go on a country holiday, there might be no more hedgerows.

The worst thing is that there is no political constituency for this unease. Hence Swamps who prefer tunnels to ballot boxes. The Tories, traditional guardians of the countryside through the medium of best-faced squires, deliberately let that root die in the 1980s. Baroness Thatcher, it was only too plain, never liked untidy-looking countryside, nor spared a kind word for a homeless dog. But Labour doesn’t care either, not deep down. The manifesto said sullenly “We will ensure greater protection for wildlife”, in much the same way as a child says “I’ll get the homework done”, but there is no sign of any engagement of ideas on the subject. Bet you Peter Mandelson wouldn’t cross the road to give a piglet an even break.

Face it: they don’t care. Look at the unthinking acceptance of the “need” for greenfield building. Look at the sulky, unsuited way in which the Foster lurching Bill was first supported, then half-dropped by the Government, for reasons connected more with the Countryside Rally and the obduracy of the Lords than with any real contemplation of the complex, muddy, smelly, frosty realities of a winter morning — and an atavistic rural hunting community. I am not saying that Labour has no principles, just that it has no instinct for this particular issue. Somebody has to green the party up.

Perhaps this lobby will help. Otherwise, I can think of worse plays for William Hague than getting his wellies on and heading out into the meadows and marshes to restore the Tories’ lost credentials as guardians of the land.

## Libby Purves

## The Right stuff

I KNOW that in this giving age Tony Blair wants to talk to everyone, but does that have to include those who were once at the Fascist end of the political spectrum? Max Mosley, son of Sir Oswald and Diana Milford, dropped in at No 10 for a friendly chat with the Prime Minister on October 16 this year alongside his business partner, Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One boss. He has also personally donated at least £3,000 to the Labour Party. But, although Mr Mosley happened not to mention the detail during an interview with Simon Sebag Montefiore in last weekend’s *Sunday Times*, I can now reveal that he was close to being a *gauleiter* in his father’s Fascist organisation.

The Mosley scion, who is president of the Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile, motor racing’s governing body, put his name forward in the 1964 general election as a candidate for the Union Movement, a postwar version of the British Union of Fascists and the highest profile anti-immigration group of its day. Despite admitting “it’s obvious, knowing what we know now, that it was wrong”, further details from Mosley Jr’s CV make interesting reading. In 1961, as a 21-year-old Oxford undergraduate, he was fined for obstructing a policeman while he tried to break up an anti-apartheid demonstration in Trafalgar Square. The following year he was quoted by a *Daily Herald* reporter,

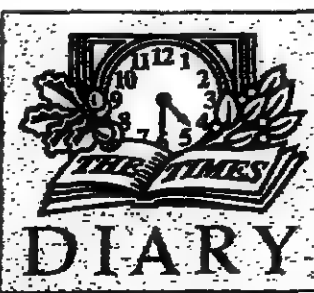


A Right pair: Diana and son

who went undercover at the movement’s meetings, as saying: “In our kind of politics one needs to be as good at a punch-up as talking to a university professor.” After the mid-Sixties he renounced his politics, but obviously still has a taste for the corridors of power.

### Hamming it

The reports of the death of old Labour are greatly exaggerated.



When John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, had some ecotopes round for lunch last week, there was not a cherry tomato, let alone a rocket leaf in sight. Instead, his guests were offered butties made of sliced, white bread and industrial-strength margarine, filled with processed ham and cheese. When one of the visitors complained that he could not get his mouth round the ministerial fare, Mr Prescott beamed: “I like doorsteps.” Boor, however, was not on the menu.

● **EVADING Tube fares.** Lembit Opik has learnt, can be a costly business. Yesterday found the fresh-faced Lib Dem MP travelling by rail from his Montgomeryshire constituency to Westminster. “I asked on the train for a ticket that would take me to Westminster station, not just to King’s Cross,” he

says. “But when I tried to get off there they told me it was invalid and asked for a £10 penalty fare.” Opik refused to part with a penny, filling in a form instead. “I’ll be tackling John Prescott about this,” he growled.

### Holy wrath

THE latest tome by William Oddie, the high priest of family values, has opened a fresh schism within the Roman Catholic Church. Charles Wooley, Cardinal Basil Hume’s senior aide, took



“Let me through — I’m a spin doctor”

such exception to *The Roman Option*, detailing the conversion of prominent Anglicans such as Ann Widdecombe and John Gummer to Catholicism, that he gatecrashed the launch party.

With the Holy Spirit coursing through his veins, the cardinal’s sidekick headed straight for Oddie and proceeded to abuse him publicly. “He confronted me in a very belligerent manner but it became apparent that he hadn’t read the book,” recalls Oddie.

● **The Prince of Wales cannot seem to escape his run of bad luck.** A few hours before his 49th birthday party at Highgrove was about to begin last Saturday evening, news came of the death of his close friend Lady Trianon. The party went ahead anyway but, even though supper was organically grown, spirits remained rather sombre.

### Bunker shots

STEPHEN DILLANE, the toast of the town after his appearance in *Welcome to Sarajevo*, released this week, almost ruined an earlier career because of a passion for golf. Before breaking into drama, he was employed as a reporter on the august suburban publication, *The Crydon Advertiser*. “He was best known for his golfing prowess,” his



Making news: Dillane

former news editor tells me: “He had a habit of sneaking off to Purley golf course for a few hours at lunchtime.” Obviously, it never proved a serious handicap.

● **IT WAS not a good time for Tourism Minister Tom Clarke to win a free week’s holiday in Jamaica.** “Will someone please tell Peter Mandelson I’ve put the ticket back in the draw,” pleaded Clarke after he won the raffle at the Guild of British Travel Writers’ dinner.

JASPER GERARD

## Phoenix rises in Windsor

Marcus Binney enjoys a quibble with perfection

THE restoration of Windsor Castle is a triumph, giving Britain the counterpart of the reconstructed palaces of Leningrad, or the newly furnished interiors at Versailles. Twenty, thirty or even ten years ago such a restoration would have been cautious and underplayed. No longer. This time we have the full monty, opulence not seen in the royal palaces for a century.

But while much is inspired — even flawless — there are some elements which are questionable, bizarre and crude. The new hammerbeam roof of St George’s Hall is stupendous, turning a room with the proportions of a railway carriage into a majestic ceremonial hall full of the trappings of chivalry.

What lets it down are the lights, rigidly vertical and set close to the walls, they cast shadows as uniform as those on a human face lit from below by candlelight. Apparently they can be adjusted, but much more light needs to be shone diagonally across the room, not just straight up and down.

Giles Downes, the architect who won the commission for all new work after the fire, treated Gothic as a decorative style to be plundered, with all the relish of Horace Walpole at Strawberry Hill. His new doors at the end of St George’s Hall present a spider’s web of Gothic arches. The bronze lock cases, inset with a grille of interlaced flowers and tassels, have handles beautifully fashioned as roses wound round with dragons.

“We have a lot of St Georges in this hall,” I thought we needed a few dragons,” says Mr Downes. On the gallery, more dragons hold spears: a little Disneyish perhaps, but marvellously lithe. Behind, in a wonderfully theatrical gesture, the King’s Champion appears on a life-size charger in magnificent armour made for the Elizabethan courtier Sir Christopher Hattson.

Downes’s tour de force is a jewel of a circular flying staircase. The oak balustrade branch like trees and it is hard to work out how they are put together until he explains they are actually cut from solid panels of oak, sacrificing much of the wood in the process.

Downes repeats the trick in the new Lantern Lobby, a glorious umbrella vault with echoes of William Beckford’s Fonthill Abbey, and an even more elaborate balustrade of two overlapping branching layers.

Again I find the lighting awkward and curse the window filled with pallid, tinted and frosted glass, such as might have been used in a church restoration of the 1950s. It is in the new chapel that Mr Downes becomes positively bizarre. The new vault is like a fishnet stretched over a dinosaur skeleton. Nor is the colour scheme of stone-coloured walls and blue ceiling much better.

Yet all this makes for better preparation for the explosion of colour and richness that follows in the three state rooms.

The Crimson Drawing Room, awash with lustrous red silk on every wall and chair, gilt furniture and gilt plasterwork, is a positive hymn to the glory of monarchy. Hugh Roberts, the director of the Royal Collection, who masterminded these rooms, says the aim was that George IV should “instantly recognise them”. The new inlaid parquet floor in birch and ebony rivals the best marble but is already suffering from scratches.

Beyond, the Green Drawing Room is ravishing, with emerald green silk that glows like malachite and superbly burnished water gilding. On the doors, prized carved wood trophies from Carlton House gleam like ornolu bronze.

Some 20,000 books of gold, 25 leaves to a book, were used. Not to mention curtains weighted down with fringes, braids and tassels. It’s madly extravagant, but like Pavarotti it transforms the whole occasion.

What makes the rooms ultimately the lighting. On the dullest of November mornings, they are glowing. Chandeliers are ablaze with candles (tiny electric bulbs producing a light as subtle as actual flame). Wall lights and candelabra, where each bulb has its own little shade, produce a superbly festive effect.

No easily visible trace has been left of the fire damage. Neither surviving plasterwork nor parts salvaged from the fire and reincorporated, can be readily distinguished from new work. The desire, superbly fulfilled, has been to create a seamless robe. It recalls the story of a man who took a plate to the restorer: “Do you want it mended the English way or the Chinese?” he was asked. The English way is to mend it invisibly, the Chinese to mark the break with gold leaf because the break is part of the history of the plate, I feel the achievement would be all the more recognisable for leaving a few small panels, highlighting original detail and finishes that escaped damage in the fire and showing how well the quality has been matched.

Less of an achievement is the reopening of huge lengths of vaulted medieval undercrofts, unseen and partitioned off for years.

The state rooms of Windsor reopen on Saturday, December 27. They are a must, and all the better for having a few elements that we can quibble at.



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rises in  
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with perfection



## POWER TO PARENTS

Lessons from the league tables for all parties to consider

The school league tables published by the Government today represent transition. The results themselves were the last achieved under a Conservative Government. The methods by which they have been compiled and presented have been altered this year by David Blunkett. Both parties have much that they can and will point to. The Tories will note the continued improvement in the overall scores and the striking success of many grant-maintained schools and city technology colleges. This, William Hague will doubtless say, serves as a vindication of Conservative reforms — such as league tables themselves — that were initially opposed by the Labour Party.

Mr Blunkett is likely to concentrate his fire on the future. The tables that we publish in our supplement and — in even more detail — on the Internet contain valuable additional information. The introduction of a four-year formula and an improvement index will allow parents to make a more informed assessment. The incorporation of vocational qualifications into these numbers is also a rational development. The Government's plan for an extra "value added" element may prove rather ambitious. The contentious and complicated decisions that this will involve may keep the statisticians in secure employment but are less likely to enlighten the average citizen.

The Department for Education might find its time better spent on a more basic methodological matter. From their beginning, these tables have been centred on the proportion of pupils achieving five high-grade passes in the GCSE examination. This appears to have persuaded schools to place their efforts in ensuring that borderline candidates achieve the maximum number of passes. As a consequence, it is alleged, both the brightest and the least able children have received less attention. A switch in system to one where each pass carries with it a number of points — the average total of which then became the key figure — would

alter incentives. Whatever their imperfections, school league tables have been an invaluable innovation and one that this Government has been wise to acknowledge. The continuing resistance of teaching unions does not suggest that academic performance is their highest priority. Mr Blunkett will doubtless be denounced by them but should see that as a compliment. A government that destroyed or diluted this annual exercise would have no credibility on the question of standards.

Core principles have emerged that should be the basis of policy. The first is accountability, in the shape of accessible information on all aspects of school life. The second is autonomy, in the sense that individual institutions should have the maximum possible freedom from their local education authority. The third is diversity in structure rather than the Stalinist singularity of 1970s comprehensives. Fourth comes flexibility in terms of admissions procedure. Fifth is the specialisation that schools should be allowed to nurture and then advertise as distinctive academic emphasis. Those schools that enjoyed the highest aggregate results — and the group of more than 200 schools that have continually improved over the four years — consistently display such features.

The Tories will take this as an affirmation of their stance in office. Labour will doubtless claim that, in practice, the Conservatives were concerned with a small number of children in affluent areas and thus obsessed with selection. Neutrals must come to their own conclusions. The challenge is now what will be done over this Parliament. If Labour acts to spread the core principles that seem to have established themselves in some cases, then it will deserve its own legacy. If it does not, education could quickly re-emerge as a key Conservative issue. All of this will be fought over data that is openly available. Information is power: and that power now rightly rests with parents.

## BLOOD ON THE NILE

Fundamentalist terrorism feeds on frustration and repression

The massacre of at least 69 tourists in Luxor is one of the bloodiest crimes ever perpetrated by Islamist activists. The gunmen who sprayed British, Japanese, Swiss and German tourists with machinegun fire killed in one bloody morning more than twice as many foreigners as all those murdered in the random attacks since Muslim activists began their terror campaign five years ago. A further 24 were wounded in events as horrific as they are destabilising. The uncomprehending grief of relatives is matched only by the shame of ordinary Egyptians that a country that was the cradle of civilisation should now be associated with such barbarity.

The attack, the second murderous assault on tourists in two months, is probably the work of the al-Gama'a al-Islamiya, the underground organisation dedicated to the overthrow of President Mubarak and the destruction of Egypt's secular society. Since the assassination of President Sadat, Egypt has fought a long-running battle with militants, hanging dozens of "martyrs" who have been convicted of terrorism by military courts. Police raids, summary trials, the use of torture and intensified security around all the tourist sites have been matched by legislation banning dozens of extremist groups and cracking down on religious fundamentalism. A year ago it seemed as though the most extreme groups had been defeated, their leaders imprisoned, executed or subdued. Tourism, the lifeblood of Egypt's fragile economy, had recovered and even surpassed previous totals. But Hydra-headed, the terrorist monster has returned.

The challenge to President Mubarak is formidable. Despite frequent reassurances on security by tourist spokesmen, the authorities have repeatedly been outwitted

and outgunned. The police have mounted anti-terrorist operations and their credibility is at an all-time low. Assyut, a Nile town between Cairo and Luxor with a history of bloody feuding, is now a no-go area for foreigners. A bewildered public sees Egypt drifting into a downward spiral, with the terrifying example of Algeria as a reminder of how bad things could get.

President Mubarak will undoubtedly order a fresh crackdown in response to yesterday's attack. But his uncompromising line is increasingly difficult to enforce. For militant Islam is taking full advantage of the frustration throughout the Arab world with the stalled Arab-Israeli peace process, the growing gap between rich and poor, unemployment, the absence of any legitimate channels through which to express political opposition and the corruption that has accompanied privatisation and economic reform. Throughout the Middle East anti-Americanism is again raising its head, riding on the back of anti-Israel rhetoric and a general anger against the West. Saddam Hussein's renewed challenge to the West is applauded by millions; his incitement to target Western interests is echoed by extremists as a call to arms against Westerners.

Few in the Middle East know how to defeat terrorism. Two enlightened kings — King Hassan of Morocco and King Hussein of Jordan — are attempting, through democracy, to isolate the extremists by giving legitimate opposition a political voice; both have just held elections which have demonstrated their countries' political maturity. Terrorism, however, feeds on frustration and repression. When it vents its anger so terribly on the innocent, governments must look beyond their security forces to deeper causes of malaise.

## STREETWISE BIRDS

Pigeons are fine specimens of the survival of the unfittest

They are poisoning pigeons in the park, and not just as the refrain in Tom Lehrer's song. His was a wildly politically incorrect fantasy, and Lehrer's black humour is said to appeal more to the British than to his countrymen. But as our New York correspondent reports, a serial aerial killer really is poisoning the city's pigeons in flocks.

Bird-lovers are concerned about the tortures of death by pesticide. A spokesman offers an analysis appropriate for Woody Allen's backyard: "This is someone who truly hates pigeons and could be a very disturbed person." And there is sentiment for one of the few species that not only survives but thrives in the street jungles of New York.

For pigeons are the shabby grey unemployables of city life. The gentle and plump birds have an urban strut and bob of the head as characteristic as those of commuters in the rush hour. Their swirling flocks are a tourist attraction from Trafalgar Square to the Piazza San Marco. They have been semi-domesticated by man from temple sacrifices to gifts for lovers and as provisions in pies and doves. The athletic among them are the poor man's racehorses and can fly hundreds of miles. And they are not as cheap as all that. In July 1992 a cock pigeon called Invincible Sport was sold for £10,800 to Ms Louella Pigeon World of Leicestershire. But the street pigeons of New York and

London are not such superstars of the breed. The inscription of the verse by Emma Lazarus on the Statue of Liberty could apply to them also: "Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore." They are composed of a bewildering array of cross-breeds of domesticated strains, all of them ultimately descended from the European rock dove. Street pigeons are greedy, dirty and streetwise. They know how to take the Tube or the subway. And when a Londoner started to kidnap the pigeons in Trafalgar Square for sale to restaurants, the public health authorities gave warning that their flesh was so polluted that it was poisonous.

Like Londoners then, many New Yorkers seem happy to see dead pigeons on their streets. There is no danger of an ornithographic catastrophe, however. Like rats, grey squirrels and now Canada geese, street pigeons are as urbanised as New Yorkers or Londoners. They may not look like it. But they have become magnificent engines for street living. Others will flock to fill any gaps made by the pigeon poisoner. The only way to rid the city of street pigeons would be to clear the streets of restaurant garbage, black bags of litter and bread thrown out for them by pigeon-fanciers. And that is not going to happen in cities until street pigeons fly farther than they waddle.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Dilemma of raising party funds without incurring debts

From Mr Gregory Shennan

Sir, Tony Blair reports, article and leading article, November 17: letters, November 13, 14, 15, 17) is reacting with the sort of hasty panic which the rest of us may regret at leisure if the Bernie Ecclestone affair results in a decision to provide public funding for political parties. Such a step would be profoundly inappropriate and smack of the nanny state which many of us fear new Labour represents. The same goes for limits on the size of donations.

Political parties and their leaders should ensure that their decisions are not influenced unduly by those from whom the party receives its funding. It would be little short of pathetic for the Prime Minister to ban or restrict funding from private sources on the basis that he cannot exercise proper judgment or control in his own party. The electorate should reject governments it cannot trust. That is democracy.

Individuals and private-sector companies should be permitted to finance political parties as they feel appropriate. To deny this freedom and to replace it with a system of centrally controlled funding and/or size limits would be profoundly illiberal and introduce a sinister element of bureaucratic control which has no place in British politics.

The Government is required to be have in a way which is both ethical and seen to be ethical. It has palpably failed to do so recently — Mr Blair's rather incoherent apology notwithstanding. The rest of us should not

mistake government dishonesty and/or incompetence for a fundamental flaw in the manner in which political parties are funded. It may not be perfect, but it is better than the alternatives.

Business has tended to support the Tories (although more recently new Labour as well) on the basis that it believes they will be friendly to business interests. In the same way the trade unions have always funded Labour because they expect the Labour Party to support the trade union movement and Labour has never been ashamed of this source of funds. Why should business or private individuals be treated differently?

Yours faithfully,  
GREGORY SHENNAN,  
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November 17.

From Mr Peter Chapman

Sir, Can one be forgiven for doubting that altruism underlies financial donations to political parties from business?

Surely the air would be clearer if parties were to be funded from public funds. Arms-wisdom would be avoided and the different parties could be treated fairly.

I am not sure that the taxpayer would object too strongly if a modest ceiling were imposed on election expenditure. After all, this year's most costly exercise succeeded in boring the electorate rigid and seems to have done little to encourage folk to vote.

State funding should mean that we end up with more of a people's parliament, where policy is formed by conviction tested in debate rather than by the colour of someone's money.

Yours faithfully,  
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From Dr I. Mertling-Blake

Sir, It is obviously painful for those who make hugely generous political donations to have their assurances that they neither seek nor expect commercial favours doubted. Surely unselfish citizenship of such high order deserves better than to be sullied by unworthy innuendo?

Why not have these philanthropists contribute to one, audited, political fund, to be divided in direct proportion to the numbers who voted for each political party at the previous election?

Furthermore, annual notification of names and amounts donated would eliminate suspicion of any ulterior personal motives when Birthday and New Year Honours Lists are published.

I remain, yours faithfully,  
IAN M. BLAKE,  
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### Belief in God without science's help

From Mr Richard Lambert

Sir, Mr Nicholas Beale's suggestion (letter, November 6) that the existence of God could ever be subject to philosophical or scientific demonstration seems to me little short of idolatrous, stemming from an unjustifiable belief in the omnipotence of reason and scientific method. I am afraid that any God established by these methods would turn out, by definition, to be a very human invention.

Christianity, in common with the world's other major religions, speaks of belief in God in dynamic terms — "conversion", "vision", "revelation", "commitment" and "faith" (in the religious sense of awe), not in dry intellectual terms.

I do not want to set faith against reason — mainstream Christianity at least has always seen the two as complementary — and I accept that philosophical and scientific reasoning might occasionally help with clarification at the margins. But belief in God is an attitude of mind and a positioning of oneself towards the world which arises from experience, from confrontation with one's everyday problems, and from deep reflection on the meaning of life.

Yours faithfully,  
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November 7.

From Mr John Sherlock

Sir, Nicholas Beale and Professor Col in Howson (letter, November 10) have each, no doubt, weighed much evidence but have reached different conclusions on the matter of whether or not God exists. Yet surely Professor Howson would agree with Mr Beale that a philosopher (or indeed a scientist) should seek and analyse the evidence in preference to lapsing into irrational superstition?

Scientists, philosophers and ordin-

ary mortals will respect the professor's requirement that a hypothesis should be tested by the most rigorous investigation and analysis. On this basis, the hard evidence supports the hypothesis of a God who cares passionately for human beings and humanity.

Certainly such a conclusion leaves a lot unexplained, but here the Christian has an unfair advantage over the atheist. He finds that his hypothetical God begins to communicate and to reveal answers to the knotty questions. In particular, he discovers why living and dying are so very worthwhile.

Yours faithfully (not sceptically),  
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From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, The operative phrase of Professor Howson's letter on the likelihood of the existence of God is that he has yet to see an argument to that effect — to his satisfaction. Well, what satisfaction does he think we "believers" enjoy?

Faith, based on revelation, witness and scientific observation of creation, is all there is. A great deal of faith is needed to believe in the god of science — the Big Bang. There is no satisfactory empirical proof of this plausible but, in my view, highly improbable conjecture of creation from nothing, which means that since it cannot be observed or measured it is not scientific and can only be taken on faith — not, however, to everyone's satisfaction.

Having said that, it does remind me strongly of the biblical account of creation — from nothing.

Yours faithfully,  
BERNARD KAUKAS,  
13 Lynwood Road, W5,  
November 10.

### Electoral reform

From Mr Richard Burden, MP for Birmingham Northfield (Labour)

Sir, Peter Riddell's article on electoral reform (November 13) was interesting but he is wrong to say that proportional voting would threaten MPs' constituency links. Methods such as the Additional Member System make votes count and retain the MP-constituency link.

Labour's manifesto commits us to establish a commission on voting systems to recommend a proportional alternative, to be put before the people in a referendum. That commission will be established soon and will ensure that the people, not politicians, will decide the voting system they wish to see.

Yours sincerely,  
RICHARD BURDEN  
(Chair, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform),  
House of Commons,  
November 13.

### First cuttings

From Miss Jane Down

Sir, Your report of November 12, "Lawnmower firm finds American grass is greener", refers to Ransomes of Ipswich as having manufactured the world's first lawnmower in 1832.

According to my archives, the lawnmower was invented by the Reverend Edwin Budding and patented by J. Ferrabee of the Phoenix Foundry near Stroud in Gloucestershire in about 1828. Known as Budding's machine, it was a new adaptation of one of the most efficient mechanical contrivances employed for shearing cloth and was marketed under Budding's maxim that "Country Gentlemen may find

### Sex education

From Dr Margaret White, JP

Sir, The chief executive of the Association for Public Health naively claims (letter, November 13) that the provision in schools of sex education and contraceptives reduces the pregnancy rate of under-age children.

Government figures show that in 1969, before clinics provided contraceptives to schoolchildren, 6.8 per thousand girls under 16 became pregnant. In 1995, millions of pills and condoms later, 102 per thousand attended contraceptive clinics and 8.5 per thousand became pregnant.

There is no such thing as "safe sex", and it is unfair to give young people the idea that if they attend the special clinics and use the proper contraceptives they will not get pregnant or catch a sexually transmitted disease.

Yours sincerely,  
MARGARET WHITE,  
22 Upfield, Croydon, Surrey,  
November 15.

in using my machine themselves, an amusing, useful, and healthy exercise".

Its first commercial outing was during the summer of 1831, when Mr Curtis, foreman of the Zoological Society's gardens in Regent's Park, found it to be entirely satisfactory, doing as much work as six men with scythes and brooms. There were two models available, ranging in price from seven to ten guineas. The wooden box on the front to collect the clippings was, of course, an optional extra.

Yours faithfully,  
JANE DOWN,  
Marshwood House, Whitegate,  
Forton, Chard, Somerset,  
November 12.

### Tardy payout hits gun compensation

From Dr David Valentine

Sir, I am more than a little concerned about the progress of the firearms compensation scheme.

I handed in my firearms ten days after the ban came into effect in July. According to the Home Office's explanatory leaflet it would be "several weeks" before they were in a position to acknowledge my claim. I received acknowledgement on November 10.

My numerous inquiries by telephone to the Home Office have revealed that my claim is number ten thousand and something out of seventy or eighty thousand by their estimate, but they are concentrating on A and B claims, ie, for those very limited numbers of items included on their compensation price list. Type C claims, which require a valuation by the claimant and which the majority of serious shooters will have submitted, are to be dealt with only when A and B claims have been settled.

At this rate of progress, as the Home Office has been given no deadline for completing the compensation scheme, it could be some years before all claimants are paid. Also, there is no provision for the payment of interest, thus reducing the value of the claim: a matter which should perhaps concern the Parliamentary Ombudsman.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Wigs and gowns

From Sir Neil Pritchard

Sir, I used to think that wigs for judges should be abolished (letters, November 13). I have changed my mind.

Recently, on my first visit to a court of law, I observed a friend of mine appearing as judge. In his wig he looked (and indeed was) appropriately solemn and anonymous. He looked quite different, and I was impressed: I felt that this solemnity and anonymity helped the dispensation of justice.

Barriers are not in the same category. They are advocates. They do not need to seem more intimidatory than they are naturally; they would be quite awe-inspiring enough without their wigs.

Yours sincerely,  
NEIL PRITCHARD,  
Little Garth, Daglingworth,  
Cloucestershire.

From His Honour Judge Dr Peter Jackson

Sir, As a regular guest speaker at the German Judges Academy, Berlin, I have the opportunity to talk to very many members of the German judiciary, where robes consist of a simple black gown (their hats have now been discarded).

They seem to have one common complaint that they and the courts do not generally command respect and that discipline in the criminal courtroom in particular is often poor.

One senior judge, having seen our courts, remarked: "If only I had the wig and gown and authority of an English judge, my judicial work would be a lot easier."

Yours etc,  
PETER JACKSON,  
3 Pump Court, Temple, EC4,  
November 14.

### Proceed with care

From Mrs Lucy Amos

Sir, Words of wisdom not only accompany flowers and food (letters, November 11 and 13). My new hot-water bottle comes with these instructions: When filling the bottle do not use boiling water or water from the hot tap as this will cause the bottle to perish.

Yours faithfully,  
LUCY AMOS,  
132 Bloomfield Road, Bath,  
November 13.

From Mr Phil Gulliford

Sir, Instructions for a Fujifilm compact camera: Do not use this camera when it is emitting smoke or it is unusually hot to the touch... Use of the camera in any of these conditions may cause a fire...

Yours faithfully,  
PHIL GULLIFORD,  
30 Wintonham Way,  
Purley-on-Thames, Berkshire.

From Mr Peter Orr

Sir, My pack of sleeping tablets carries the warning, "May cause drowsiness".

Yours faithfully,  
PETER ORR,  
17 Berkley Drive,  
Guiseborough, Cleveland,  
November 14.

From Mr Guy Greenhouse

Sir, My wife and I recently enjoyed a Californian wine called Frog's Leap. At the very bottom of the label on the back of the bottle was the helpful guidance, "Open Order End".

Yours faithfully,  
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# Get ready to win the £1,000 December prize

## The story so far...

I see Big Ron has taken the Sheffield Wednesday job. Really? Big Ron? That's amazing! Not that amazing, surely. No? Well, it certainly is brilliant news. Big Ron, eh? I think he's great.

I never suspected you were such a big fan of his. Oh yes. Will I be able to have him as my manager? Yes. He doesn't appear in today's lists, but you can sign him up straight away. He's valued at £1.5 million. Superb. As you know, I've been having problems with the manager's position in my team.

Not to mention full back, striker, midfielder... I'll ignore that. Anyway, it doesn't matter now. Big Ron is the man to knit them all together. You know, the strong, silent type: man of few words...

Excuse me? Are we talking about the same person? Ron Atkinson, silent?

Ron Atkinson? Oh, I see. I thought you meant Big Ron from Eastenders. You know, the large bloke who sits in the Queen Vic all day and never says anything. Ron Tarr, I think his name is. Unsung character actor.

Hmm. The Big Ron I'm talking about is certainly a character, although I don't know about unsung.

Yes, I've got him now. Some sort of TV commentator, isn't he?

As a sideline. He has pedigree as a football manager, you know. He once managed Manchester United when they won their first ten games of the season.

So they won the league, then?

Finished fourth, I believe.

But he still might do something for Sheffield Wednesday?

He might well. He loves flair players, so expect to see Carbone and Di Canio given licence to attack.

What about the defence? Does he favour a flat back four? Three centre-backs?

He's not generally associated with defence in the popular imagination, to tell the truth.

I'm not too worried about it either. If I'm honest, I was thinking about signing Andy Booth, though. He scored a hat-trick in his last game.

Yes, but don't forget that Wednesday are playing Arsenal this Saturday. It might not be so easy for Booth against Tony Adams and David Seaman.

Any suggestions, then?

How about someone from north of the border? I can't afford Negri.

There are others, you know.

But I don't know much about Scottish football.

Funny you should say that...

Every month a £1,000 prize awaits a shrewd selector.  
Coventry's John Salako offers insight into his choices



John Salako, the Coventry City winger, has found himself more successful as a manager than as a player in his own team in the PFA section of ITF.

"Yes, I chose myself," he said. "The price was right! Plus I have myself in there as an incentive to do well and score goals; but it's been a frustrating season." Currently injured, Salako has seen a promising beginning to the campaign fade somewhat. "If I had scored three or four more goals — and I have had chances, especially against Sheffield Wednesday — it would have been excellent."

Salako the manager, however, sees his team, Flicky's Flyers, in third place in the PFA mini-league.

Important contributions have been made by two former teammates from his days at Crystal Palace, now both England internationals with other clubs: Nigel Martyn, the goalkeeper, and Ian Wright.

"Now Nigel's at Leeds, and I felt George Graham would have a good back five," (He also chose David Robertson, the Leeds full-back.) Salako, who has himself played five times for the full England side, fully supports Glenn Hoddle's decision to pick Martyn for England, and was pleased to see him keep a clean sheet at Wembley on Saturday against Cameroon. "I rate him in the top three in the country, although he's going to have a brainstorm now and then. I think he used them all up in the home game with Derby [when Leeds trailed 3-0 before

### FLICKY'S FLYERS

Nigel Martyn ..... Leeds  
David Robertson ..... Leeds  
John Barendse ..... Newcastle  
Rio Ferdinand ..... West Ham  
Colin Hendry ..... Blackburn  
Eric Tinker ..... Barnsley  
Patrick Vieira ..... Arsenal  
Gary Speed ..... Everton  
John Salako ..... Coventry  
Ian Wright ..... Arsenal  
Marco Negri ..... Rangers  
Gordon Strachan ..... Coventry

I want him to do well." And so far, he has.

Salako has paired Wright with Marco Negri in his team. "He's had a fantastic season. Rangers strikers always do well. He was a bit of an unknown quantity. I fancied Laudrup at the start of the season, but I didn't pick him in the end." A good choice of the two, Negri is the top points scorer in ITF, while Laudrup has been a relative disappointment.

Rio Ferdinand and Colin Hendry are opponents who have earned Salako's respect, and places in his team's defence, while joining Salako in midfield are Patrick Vieira ("running the show for Arsenal"), Gary Speed of Everton ("a hard-working midfielder player who gets forward and scores goals, especially with his head") and Eric Tinker of Barnsley ("You've got to include a bargain buy — it's not luck whether or not he comes good"). Tinker's score so far is 14 — one fewer than Salako's own.

### HOW IS YOUR TEAM DOING?

Call the ITF  
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Salako selected Ian Wright and Nigel Martyn, two of his former Crystal Palace colleagues.

### FAXBACK: YOUR UP-TO-DATE TEAM SCORES

The brand new Times Faxback service provides you with a complete results sheet of your team, showing current and total scores, dates, times and details of transfers, as well as your position in the ITF League and, if appropriate, your mini-league (women's, students, youth). Scores and transfer confirmations are updated by 12 noon on the day following a match or matches.

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### LEAGUE UPDATES

ITF LEAGUE	PFA PLAYERS' LEAGUE
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Monthly prize of membership tickets, signed football and sports bag	Monthly prize of membership tickets, signed football and sports bag
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### HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

All 1997-8 matches in the FA Cup, Premier League, FA Cup, and Scottish League premier division and Tannets Scottish Cup count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS AWARDED	
Goalkeeper	Scored goal
Keeps clean sheet (per half)	On winning side
Scored goal	Apparator
Keeps clean sheet	Scored goal
Scored goal	Manager
Keeps clean sheet	Wiss
Scored goal	Dress
Scored goal	Scored goal
POINTS DEDUCTED	
Goalkeeper	Booted
Scored goal	Concedes penalty
Keeps clean sheet	Misses penalty
Scored goal	Scored own goal
Scored goal	Team loses
Scored goal	Scored goal

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER ITF

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Remember the earlier you register, the more transfers your team will be allocated.

### HOW TO ENTER



# Your full guide to players and transfers

**A spell of Premiership inactivity meant that the focus of ITF activity moved north of the border last week**

While most of the stars of the FA Cup Premiership were taking a well-earned break from counting those representing their countries, be they England, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Yugoslavia or even Jamaica, there was a full programme of matches in the Scottish Premiership.

Noticing that some ITF players were active on the transfer market last week, acquiring players likely to score points in vital games, although those relying on Celtic or Rangers players were probably disappointed as Aberdeen held the Blues, while Motherwell took the points at Celtic Park.

To a number of other ITF entrants, Scottish football means one thing — Marco Negri. However, to attempt to cast more light onto what many competitors south of Hadrian's Wall see as a shadowy area of British football, we have chosen an ITF team based entirely on players playing in Scotland.

That does not, of course, necessarily mean Scottish players; Scotland, too, has seen its own influx of talent from overseas. Take Gilles Rousset, the Heart of Midlothian goalkeeper, formerly with Rennes, for instance. The Frenchman is the top points-scorer among goalkeepers in



the SPL, and only David Seaman and Peter Schmeichel have better records in ITF. Celtic have a fine tradition at full-back — names like Tommy Gemmill and Danny McGrain spring to mind — and Tom Boyd, who has scored 23 ITF points so far this season, has won 51 Scottish caps, and captained the national side in France last week. Across Glasgow, Stale Stensaas, the Norwegian, has been a consistent points-scorer while playing for Rangers.

Another Old Firm pairing at central defender looks solid. Alan Stubbs, the former Bolton Wanderers player, has proved that north-south movement is not the only possibility in transfers between the English and Scottish clubs, while Sergio Porrini played for Juventus in last season's Euro-



Rousset of Hearts: only Seaman and Schmeichel have better ITF goalkeeping records

NICK SZCZEPANIK

THIS WEEK'S MOVES			
IN			
11602	Olafur Gottskalksson	Hibernian	£1.5m
20603	Jimmy Phillips	Bolton Wanderers	£1.0m
20904	Roland Nilsson	Coventry City	£1.0m
22903	Tim Braker	West Ham Utd	£2.0m
31004	Herman Hraiddarsson	Crystal Palace	£1.0m
32404	Richard Gough	Rangers	£4.0m
41405	John Oster	Everton	£2.5m
42505	Guy Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	£1.5m
42706	Matt Oakley	Southampton	£1.5m
51105	Paulo Wanchope	Derby County	£3.5m
51404	Danny Cadamarteri	Everton	£2.5m
51804	Harry Kewell	Leeds United	£2.0m
52304	Jon Dahl Tomasson	Newcastle United	£2.0m
52903	Jose Domingues	Tottenham Hotspur	£3.0m
53004	Carl Cort	Wimbledon	£3.0m
62502	Ron Atkinson	Sheffield Wednesday	£1.5m
OUT			
12701	Maik Taylor	Southampton	£0.5m
20902	Brian Borrows	Coventry City	£1.0m
HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER			
IF YOU MAY transfer us and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. It is a player or manager moves during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.			
EACH TEAM that was entered at the start of the season was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the rest of the season.			
THE LINE is open now and will remain open for the rest of the season. You may only make transfers by using a Touch-Tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-Tone). You will need ten digits for your PIN which you will have to tap in (not speak). Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players that you are transferring.			
YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of transfers.			
TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day.			
YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.			
CALLS COST 50p per minute and calls from a telephone box cost approximately twice as much.			
Transfer number: 0991 884 628. Outside the UK: +44 990 200 538.			

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
10101	J. Leighton	Aberdeen	2.00	2	-9
10201	D. Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	47
10301	M. Boanich	Aston Villa	3.00	0	26
10401	D. Watson	Barnsley	1.00	0	34
10501	T. Flowers	Blackburn R.	3.50	0	34
10601	K. Brannigan	Bolton W.	1.50	0	18
10701	S. Kerr	Celtic	4.00	0	0
10702	J. Gould	Celtic	3.50	-3	3
10801	E. De Geoy	Chelsea	3.00	0	32
10901	S. Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	27
11001	C. Nash	Crystal Palace	0.25	0	0
11002	K. Miller	Crystal Palace	2.00	0	29
11101	M. Poon	Derby County	1.50	0	24
11201	S. Dykstra	Dundee United	2.00	2	10
11301	I. Westwater	Dunfermline	1.00	3	-7
11401	N. Rousset	Everton	2.00	0	8
11501	G. Rousset	Hearts	1.50	3	42
11601	C. Reid	Hibernian	1.50	0	0
11701	D. Lakovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-6
11801	N. Martin	Leeds United	3.50	0	37
11901	K. Keller	Liverpool	2.50	0	38
12001	D. James	Liverpool	3.50	0	32
12101	P. Schmeichel	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	62
12201	S. Howie	Motherwell	1.00	0	0
12301	S. Glen	Newcastle Utd	4.00	0	17
12401	A. Gorman	Rangers	5.00	2	18
12501	K. Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-18
12601	M. Taylor	Southampton	0.50	0	0
12702	P. Jones	Southampton	1.00	0	0
12801	A. Walsh	St. Johnstone	0.50	0	18
12901	I. Walker	Tottenham H	3.00	0	24
13001	L. Mikolajczyk	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	7
13001	H. Sullivan	Wimbledon	2.50	8	40

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
30101	B. O'Neill	Aberdeen	2.00	-1	-19
30201	T. Adams	Arsenal	3.50	0	15
30301	M. Keown	Arsenal	3.50	0	0
30303	G. Grimand	Arsenal	2.00	0	15
30304	S. Gould	Arsenal	3.00	0	11
30301	G. Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	8
30302	U. Ehlug	Aston Villa	3.50	0	14
30401	A. De Zeeuw	Barnsley	1.00	0	-21
30402	A. Mousa	Barnsley	0.50	0	-20
30403	M. Appleby	Barnsley	0.50	0	-2
30502	C. Hendry	Blackburn R.	3.00	0	22
30504	S. Henchoz	Blackburn R.	2.50	0	13
30505	T. Pedersen	Blackburn R.	2.00	0	0
30601	G. Taggart	Bolton W.	1.50	0	5
30602	G. Beggan	Bolton W.	1.00	0	4
30603	C. Fairclough	Bolton W.	1.00	0	0
30604	M. Fish	Bolton W.	1.50	0	1
30701	E. Amonal	Celtic	1.50	-1	0
30702	M. MacGarry	Celtic	3.00	0	2
30703	A. Stubbs	Celtic	3.00	-1	21
30704	M. Ripper	Celtic	3.00	-2	19
30801	F. Labeouf	Chelsea	3.00	0	24
30802	M. O'Brien	Chelsea	3.00	0	8
30803	S. Clarke	Chelsea	2.50	0	11
30804	B. Lambourde	Chelsea	2.50	0	-1
30901	L. O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
30902	R. Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	15
30903	P. Williams	Coventry City	1.50	0	2
31001	A. Roberts	Crystal Palace	1.50	0	8
31002	A. Lushington	Crystal Palace	0.75	0	7
31003	D. Tuttle	Crystal Palace	0.75	0	0
31101	I. Stiles	Derby County	2.50	0	7
31102	J. Laurson	Derby County	1.50	0	10
31201	S. Pressley	Dundee Utd	2.00	1	11
31301	G. Shields	Dunfermline	1.50	1	-10
31401	S. Bitt	Everton	2.00	0	2
31402	D. Watson	Everton	2.00	1	23
31501	D. Weir	Hearts	2.00	1	23
31601	J. Hughes	Hibernian	2.00	-1	7
31602	D. Weir	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	28
31603	G. Weir	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	8
31604	L. Radebe	Leeds Utd	1.50	0	9
31701	M. Elliott	Leicester City	3.00	0	34
31802	P. Karmark	Leicester City	2.00	0	19
31803	S. Walsh	Leicester City	1.50	0	25
31904	S. Prior	Leicester City	2.00	0	0
32001	M. Wright	Liverpool	3.00	0	5
32002	D. Matteo	Liverpool	3.00	0	10
32003	S. Kvarme	Liverpool	3.00	0	16
32004	H. Berg	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	21
32101	D. May	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	0
32102	G. Pallas	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	20
32201	P. Albert	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	8
32202	D. Fawcett	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	8
32303	S. Howie	Newcastle Utd	2.00	0	1
32304	A. Pistorio	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	7
32401	S. Porini	Rangers	3.50	0	25
32402	J. Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	20
32403	L. Amoroso	Rangers	3.50	0	0
32501	D. Walker	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	7
32502	J. Newsome	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-5
32503	P. Atherton	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-7
32701	R. Dryden	Southampton	1.00	0	5
32702	C. Lundekvare	Southampton	1.00	0	9
32704	K. Monk	St. Johnstone	0.50	0	4
32801	S. McClelland	Tottenham H	3.00	0	0
32802	S. Campbell	Tottenham H	2.50	0	3
32803	J. Scallan	Tottenham H	2.00	0	-4
32804	R. Vega	Tottenham H	2.00	0	4
32901	C. Calderwood	Tottenham H	2.50	0	-4
32902	R. Hall	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	0
31403	D. Unsworth	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	-2
32903	S. Potts	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	4
32904	I. Pearce	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	-8
33001	C. Perry	Wimbledon	2.50	5	14
33002	D. Blackwell	Wimbledon	2.50	5	13

FIELD PLAYERS					
Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
40805	J Pollock	Bolton W	2.00	0	15
40701	A Thom	Celtic	4.50	0	15
40702	P O'Donnell	Celtic	3.00	0	7
42503	R Binkley	Celtic	3.00	-1	11
40704	C Burley	Celtic	3.00	1	26
40705	P Lamie	Celtic	3.00	1	1
40801	D Wiese	Chelsea	4.00	0	18
40802	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	4.00	0	21
40803	E Newton	Chelsea	1.50	0	9
40804	G Poyet	Chelsea	3.00	0	26
40901	G McAllister	Coventry City	2.50	0	19
40902	T Soltau	Coventry City	1.50	0	17
40903	J Salako	Coventry City	1.50	0	16
40904	P Taylor	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
41002	S Rodgers	Crystal Palace	1.00	0	16
41003	D Pitcher	Crystal Palace	0.25	0	0
41004	P Warhurst	Crystal Palace	1.50	0	18
41005	A Lombardo	Crystal Palace	3.00	0	21
41101	A Assouline	Derby County	2.50	0	6
41102	S Eranio	Derby County	2.50	0	15
41103	D Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	6
41104	C Kelly	Derby County	1.50	0	13
41105	R Van Der Leun	Derby County	1.00	0	8
41106	J Hunt	Derby County	1.00	0	12
41201	R Winters	Dundee Utd	3.50	2	33
41301	A Smith	Dunfermline	2.00	3	37
41401	G Speed	Everton	3.50	0	30
41402	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	0
41403	G Farrelly	Everton	1.50	0	4
41404	D Williamson	Everton	2.00	0	13
41501	N McCann	Hearts	2.50	2	36
41601	C Jackson	Hibernian	2.00	1	3
41602	B Laverty	Hibernian	2.00	0	19
41701	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	2.00	0	0
41801	D Hopkins	Leeds Utd	3.50	0	23
41802	L Bowyer	Leeds Utd	3.00	0	10
41803	A Haslam	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	18
41804	L Sharpe	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	0
41805	R Ribeiro	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	0
41901	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	1	10
41902	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	1	22
41903	M Izat	Leicester City	2.00	1	25
41904	S Taylor	Leicester City	1.50	0	0
42001	S McKean	Liverpool	7.00	0	32
42002	O Lashford	Liverpool	3.00	0	12
42003	M Thomas	Liverpool	3.00	0	14
42004	J Redknapp	Liverpool	3.00	0	10
42005	P Ince	Liverpool	5.00	0	21
42101	D Beckham	Manchester Utd	8.00	0	29
42102	R Giggs	Manchester Utd	7.00	0	30
42103	R Keane	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	23
42104	N Butt	Manchester Utd	4.00	0	31
42105	A Cole	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	44
42201	B Davies	Motherwell	2.00	0	6
42301	R Lee	Newcastle Utd	5.00	0	20
42302	K Gillespie	Newcastle Utd	3.50	0	17
42303	D Batty	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	12
42304	J Barnes	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	23
42401	B Laudrup	Rangers	8.00	1	24
42402	P Gascoigne	Rangers	6.00	0	24
42403	J Thomson	Rangers	4.00	1	8
42404	J Albert	Rangers	4.00	4	20
42501	B Carbone	Sheffield Wed	3.00	0	30
42502	J Magilton	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	18
42503	M Penbridge	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	12
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wed	1.00	0	5
42702	R Slater	Southampton	0.75	0	6
42704	K Richardson	Southampton	0.50	0	13
42705	C Palmer	Southampton	1.50	0	11
42801	A Sarker	St. Johnstone	0.75	0	13
42802	A Sinton	Tottenham H	3.00	0	9
42902	D Anderson	Tottenham H	3.00	0	2
42903	R Fox	Tottenham H	2.00	0	15
42904	D Howells	Tottenham H	2.00	0	16
42905	D Givoli	Tottenham H	3.00	0	18
42906	E Berkovic	West Ham Utd	2.50	0	32
42907	S Lomas	West Ham Utd	2.50	0	15
42908	J Moncur	West Ham Utd	2.50	0	15







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BUSINESS EDITOR Patricia Wheatcroft

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## Shell and BP battle over Russian fuel reserves

By CARL MORTISHED

SHELL and BP are racing head-to-head in a multimillion-dollar contest to secure access to Russia's oil and gas reserves. The two companies yesterday announced strategic alliances with Russian partners worth a total of \$1.7 billion (£1.06 billion) aimed at developing huge gas reserves in Siberia.

BP has agreed to acquire a 10 per cent stake in AO Sidanco, the fourth-largest integrated Russian oil company for \$571 million. The agreement, to be signed at 10

Downing Street today, involves the purchase of shares from Unexim Bank and a further agreement to fund \$172 million of the cost of developing a gasfield in east Siberia containing up to 60 trillion cubic feet in reserves.

Meanwhile, Shell announced an alliance with Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer. The Anglo-Dutch oil company agreed in Moscow yesterday to create a joint venture company to develop the Russian gas company's extensive oil reserves, which total 14.3 billion barrels. The 50/50 joint venture

development company will seek to produce 25 million tonnes a year of oil and gas condensate, equal to 500,000 barrels per day. As part of the deal, Shell has agreed to subscribe up to \$1 billion in a convertible bond issued by Gazprom. The convertible issue, planned for early next year, will coincide with an issue of a further \$1 billion in bonds to institutional investors, on the same terms.

Shell and Gazprom also announced that they had agreed to make a joint bid with Lukoil, the Russian oil company, for the privatisation of NK Rosneft, another Russian oil company, which has extensive reserves in northwest Siberia and stakes in two big projects, the Sakhalin-1 liquefied natural gas project and the Caspian Pipeline Consortium.

The deals heighten the competition for the privatisation of Rosneft, reckoned to be worth \$1.9 billion, as BP is expected to reveal today its intention to bid jointly for the assets with its new partner, Sidanco. However, Shell and Gazprom yesterday downplayed the importance of Rosneft to their new alliance.

## BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET  
INDEXES

FTSE 100	4867.00 (+125.2)
Yield	3.32%
FTSE All share	2292.43 (+48.06)
Nikkei	16262.92 (+120.0)
Dow Jones	7701.55 (+129.17)
S&P Composite	945.07 (+17.72)

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 1/4%	5 1/4%
Long Bond	100%	(100%)
Yield	5.11%	(5.02%)

LONDON MONEY

3-month interbank	7 1/4%	(7 1/4%)
Life long gtd	11 1/4%	(11 1/4%)
Yield	11 1/4%	(11 1/4%)

STERLING

New York	1.6940*	(1.6930)
London	1.6930	(1.6930)
DM	2.2346	(2.2338)
FF	6.5270	(6.5262)
SFR	2.3668	(2.3773)
Yen	161.1	(161.4)
S index	106.1	(106.1)

US \$ DOLLAR

London	1.7235*	(1.7203)
DM	1.6970	(1.6962)
FF	1.4077	(1.4077)
Yen	125.05*	(125.40)
S index	105.3	(106.1)

TOKYO CLOSE YEN 125.23

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb)	\$19.30 (\$19.90)
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GOLD

London close	\$308.68 (\$308.55)
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\* denotes midday trading price

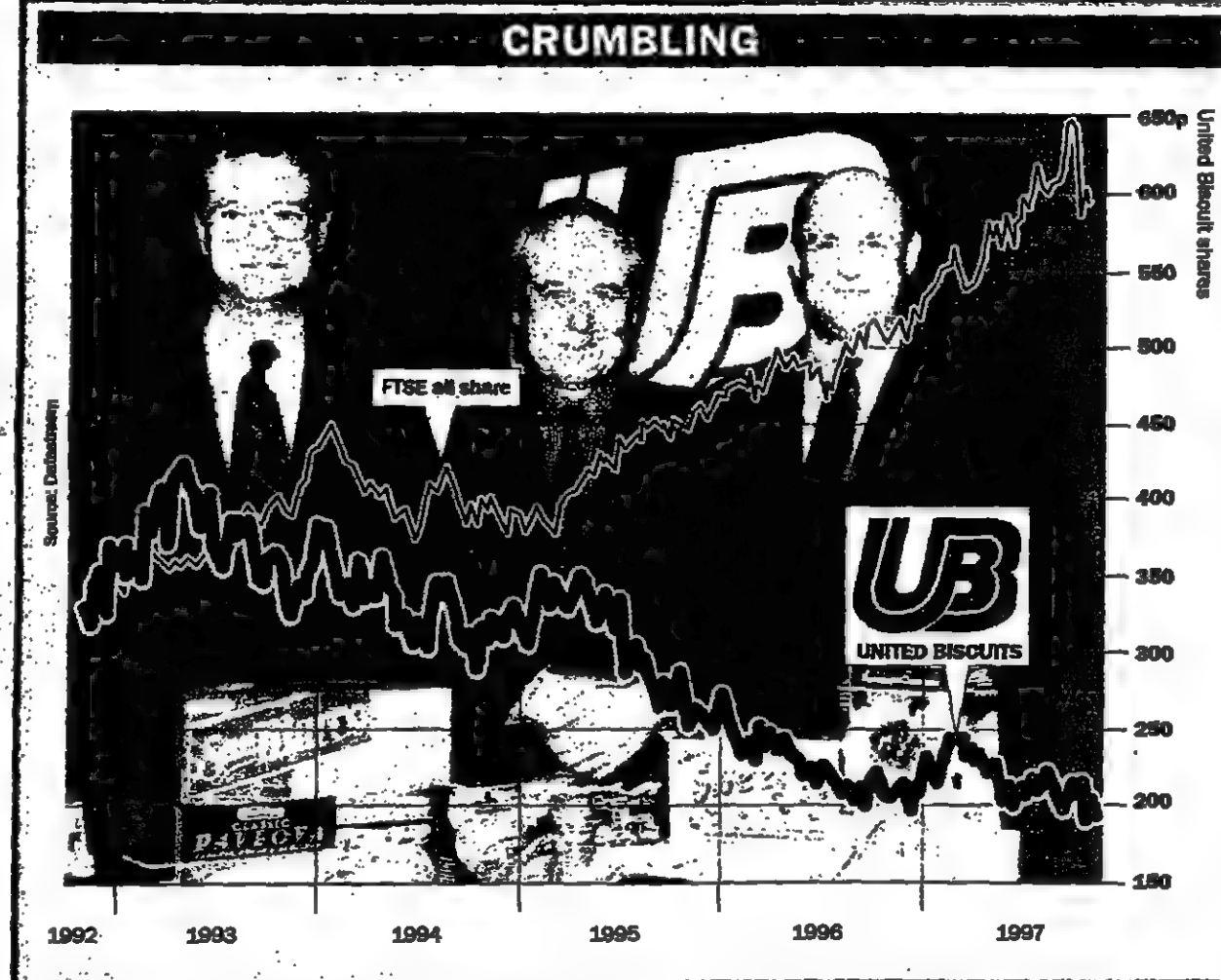
## Shares soar after Far East rally

By ALASTAIR MURRAY  
ECONOMICS  
CORRESPONDENT

THE London stock market bounced back yesterday after sharp overnight gains in Tokyo and Hong Kong helped to start a rally in global equities.

By DOMINIC WALSH

SHARES in United Biscuits scored their biggest one-day gain yesterday after the embattled food and snacks group unveiled an asset swap with PepsiCo that will enable it to return £150 million to shareholders.



John Warren, left, finance director; Robert Clarke, chairman until July 1995; and Eric Nicol, chief executive of UB



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being seen by UB watchers as a sensible move to avoid any further damage from its battle for supremacy with PepsiCo. It entered the market in 1993, but its recent efforts to maintain its dominant position by pumping resources into marketing support have merely served to damage profitability.

## Amey names Staples as new chief

BRIAN STAPLES, who was ousted as chief executive of United Utilities in July, will return to the public arena as chief executive of Amey, the construction group (Jason Nisse writes).

## EU to drop job targets

By PHILIP BASSETT  
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRUSSELS looks set to be forced to abandon plans to fix ambitious specific job targets for all European Union member states.

Job growth in America has been rapid, especially compared with sluggish growth in Europe, with the much more flexible American labour market widely seen as the principal reason.

## Photo-Me sues Swiss rival after price war

PHOTO-ME INTERNATIONAL, the world's largest photo booth operator, is suing a rival Swiss company for \$120 million (£84 million) as part of a battle for domination of the passport photograph business (Jason Nisse writes).

## British Steel warning

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY  
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH STEEL yesterday gave warning that the strength of the pound could trigger recession if the Government did not help exporters.

of 190p. British Steel raised its volumes by 4 per cent in the half year. Mr Moffat said: "Our commercial teams secured record order levels so that all our major UK plants worked at or close to capacity and we continue to operate profitably."

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## Holt Lloyd sold to Americans

Holt Lloyd, the UK car care products company, has been sold by Electra Fleming to Prestone, a subsidiary of AlliedSignal of America, for \$155 million (£91.6 million).

Electra acquired Holt for £60 million in 1994. Since then Holt Lloyd has developed its own brands, repaid over £12 million of debt, and exchanged contracts to acquire the Simoniz car care business in January 1998.

## Brooke goes

Richard Brooke has resigned as group finance director of British Sky Broadcasting. He will become managing director of St James's Investment Partnership.

## Workplace up

Workplace Group, the property company, lifted net assets to 470p (417p) a share in the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits rose 11 per cent to £2.5 million. The dividend is up 11 per cent to 4.5p.

## Dividend rise

Adam & Harvey, the distribution and steel stockholding group, is lifting the dividend to 13.5p a share (12.25p) although pre-tax profits fell to £2.48 million (£2.55 million) in the half year to September 30.

## TOURIST RATES

	Bank	Bank
Australia \$	9.29	9.29
Austria Sch	13.76	13.76
Belgium Fr	6.55	6.55
Canada C\$	0.67	0.67
Cyprus Cyp£	0.003	0.003
Denmark Kr	11.75	11.75
Finland Mk	5.94	5.94
France Fr	6.55	6.55
Germany DM	1.93	1.93
Greece Dr	340	340
Hong Kong \$	7.75	7.75
Ireland £	0.78	0.78
Italy Lit	1.36	1.36
Japan Yen	107.4	107.4
Malta M	0.002	0.002
Netherlands Gld	2.20	2.20
New Zealand \$	0.67	0.67
Norway Kr	11.75	11.75
Portugal Esc	200.48	200.48
S Africa Rd	6.80	6.80
Spain Ptas	166.37	166.37
Sweden Kr	11.75	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.20	2.20
Turkey Lira	360.00	360.00
USA \$	1.79	1.79

Notes: For small denomination banknotes only as supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

# Unigate poised to capitalise on consolidation of dairy industry

By PAUL DURMAN

UNIGATE, the milk company behind St Ivel spreads and yoghurts, is still not making enough profit on selling milk to supermarkets and believes a shake-out is needed in the dairy industry.

Sir Ross Buckland, chief executive, said he is confident the industry will undergo a significant structural change before the end of next year, in spite of difficulties involved in combining existing milk suppliers. With net cash of £169.2

million at the end of September, Unigate is well placed to take out the weaker or uncommitted businesses.

The company gave few clues about how it expects industry consolidation to take place, although Ian Martin, chairman, said: "Underneath the water, there's a hell of a lot of activity taking place."

Unigate increased its sales of milk to supermarkets by 3.5 per cent in the six months to September, but margins fell because it had to accept lower prices. However, the fall in the

price of raw milk enabled the dairy division to lift its profit by 11 per cent to £19.5 million on sales marginally higher at £19.5 million.

Doorstep deliveries produced an improved profit, although the volume of sales continued to contract rapidly.

With a £5 million improvement in profits from its fresh foods business, Unigate was able to increase the group's interim pre-tax profits by 11 per cent to £67.4 million. This year's total included a £1 million profit on the sale of

surplus dairy properties. Turnover rose 3 per cent to £1.18 billion. Unigate said it had made excellent progress and expects this to be "another year of profitable growth".

The fresh food operation, which includes the Malton Foods ham and bacon business, increased profits to £31.5 million on sales of £635 million. At St Ivel, the relaunch of the Shape range of yoghurts produced a 25 per cent increase in the volume of sales. Last year's acquisition of Vitalite and Golden Churn

increased the volume of spread sales by 34 per cent.

The profit recovery at Malton Foods was helped by lower pigmeat costs and strong sales of cooked meats.

Wincanton Logistics, the warehousing and distribution business, made £12.6 million (£12.3 million), held back by problems in the petroleum and chemicals markets.

An interim dividend of 7.5p (7p) a share will be paid on January 5.

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## FirstBus planning £150m expansion

By CHRIS AYRES

FIRSTBUS, the UK's biggest bus operator, is planning to spend up to £150 million over the 12 months to boost its market share to 25 per cent and expand its interests in railways and airports.

The company, which is chaired by Trevor Smallwood, is being renamed FirstGroup as part of the expansion. It currently controls 22 per cent of the UK bus market. It operates Great Eastern Railway, holds a stake in Great Western Trains and is the preferred bidder for 51 per cent of Bristol International Airport.

Muir Lockhead, the chief executive, said: "We have a facility of £150 million and if the opportunities are there we will spend it. I think we can expand our share of the bus market by 3 per cent before the Office of Fair Trading has another look." Mr Lockhead

said that securing priority routes for buses — plus greater awareness of the dangers of drink-driving — had helped to attract new customers.

The company also declared an interest in running a London Underground franchise if the Government introduces a privatisation programme. "There appears to be a backlog of work and we would have to establish how much that would cost," Mr Lockhead said.

Yesterday, FirstBus reported a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30, from £23.5 million to £30.3 million, on turnover of £363.4 million, up 47 per cent from £246.8 million. Basic earnings per share were 7.3p, down 22 per cent from 9.4p. A dividend of 2.2p (1.8p) is due on February 18.

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Muir Lockhead, left, and Trevor Smallwood yesterday

## Kvaerner rises despite Cunard loss

By GEORGE SIVALL

CUNARD, the QE2 cruise line acquired by Kvaerner, the Norwegian engineering group, as part of the Trafalgar House deal, has clocked up more losses but its owners believe it could break even next year.

Cunard remains up for sale, either to a company that wants to take a big shareholding or to an outright buyer but in spite of talks with numerous cruise companies no deal appears imminent. The Norwegians say they will continue to support Cunard and they have repositioned the brand at the top end of the market.

Cunard's headquarters are to be moved from New York to Miami next month, with the transfer of 350 staff. In spite of Cunard losses Kvaerner pre-tax profits rose from 851 million Norwegian crowns to Nkr903 million (£76 million) in the nine months to September 30.

The rise came in spite of a sharp increase in interest charges from Nkr441 million to Nkr879 million associated with the Trafalgar acquisition. Earnings rose from Nkr14.17 a share to Nkr14.87.

The pre-tax profit includes Nkr357 million (Nkr851 million) in gains on the sale of assets. Erik Tonseth, president and chief executive, said: "The underlying group performance continues to improve, although the result in the oil and gas business area especially is not currently satisfactory." Sales rose about 30 per cent.

## Southern Electric agrees to cuts

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC, the last independent regional electricity company, yesterday attacked price controls which will cut bills by an average 9 per cent — or £23 — over the next two years but agreed to abide by the regulator's curbs. Its acceptance follows a

similar agreement by Eastern, part of The Energy Group, last week and signals a likely endorsement by the whole industry. In the summer regional companies indicated that they could seek referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in a clash with Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, over the controls which

are intended to protect prices once competition starts in household electricity. A phased introduction of competition starts next April.

Southern complained that the two-year price restraint unfairly penalised companies that had reduced their cost base and which had passed on benefits to customers. But the company

said it would not challenge the price controls on the supply element of an electricity bill because it would not be in shareholders' interests.

The regulator ordered price cuts from regional electricity companies in order to ensure that once competition began in the domestic markets they were not able to lift prices.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Royal Bank and C&G lift mortgage rates

THOUSANDS more borrowers face higher mortgage repayments before Christmas, as two more lenders raised their variable rates in response to the bank base increase earlier this month. Cheltenham & Gloucester, a division of Lloyds TSB, and Royal Bank of Scotland both increased their standard variable rates by 0.25 per cent to 8.70 per cent.

The new rates are effective from December 1 for existing customers. However, the Halifax, the largest lender, yesterday said that it would await the outcome of the next Bank of England interest rate meeting before changing its variable rate. The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee meets again on December 3 and December 4, sparing the Halifax's borrowers a rate rise before Christmas.

### ICI Australia renamed

ICI AUSTRALIA is changing its name to Orica, after its separation from ICI, its British former parent company, earlier this year. The company said: "Research on the chosen name Orica indicated that people felt the name evoked words such as the future, knowledge, expertise and technology, all of which were considered positive attributes." The new name will be put to shareholders for approval at the December 12 annual meeting, and is proposed to take effect next year.

### Oriflame confirms link

ORIFLAME INTERNATIONAL confirmed that it wants to merge with Oresa, its Eastern European offshoot. The merger is to be through a share exchange of six new Oriflame shares for each Oresa share. Both Oriflame and Oresa sell cosmetic products directly to customers. Oresa had turnover of £147 million and pre-tax profit of £29 million for the year to December 31, 1996. Oriflame predicted that the enlarged group's profit for the year to December 31, 1997, will not be less than £39 million.

### Morris plans to float

MORRIS GROUP, the privately owned housebuilder based in northwest England, plans to seek a stock market listing this year, it was confirmed yesterday. The company is expected to raise £10 million via a share placing, equivalent to up to 40 per cent of the enlarged equity. In the year to March 31, Morris made an operating profit of £3 million on turnover of £28.1 million and completed 304 houses for sale. Its landbank stands at more than five years at current usage.

### Diploma payout held

DIPLOMA, the industrial distribution company, is holding the total dividend at 14.5p a share, with an unchanged 10p final, after a fall in pre-tax profits to £21.6 million from £23.5 million in the year to September 30. The decline came in spite of increased turnover of £258 million (£235 million). Earnings fell to 24.8p from 27p. The company said its key markets of electronics, building and industrial and special steels suffered adverse trading conditions. The shares fell 18p to 235p.

### Whitcroft profits dip

PROFITS at Whitcroft, the lighting and building products company, fell to £2.3 million from £2.7 million in the half year to September 30, a period of extensive restructuring within the group. The company reported earnings per share of 3.7p, down from 4.4p. The interim dividend is held at 1.75p per share. The company said trading profits were slightly higher at £3.28 million, against £3.11 million, in spite of disruption from operational changes.

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# Ayling takes the cut-price route



COMMENTARY  
by our City Editor

Someone at British Airways has noticed that not all travelling businessmen have open-ended expense accounts and an extraordinary preoccupation with food. The rapid growth of cut-price flight operators has not merely been fuelled by students who have saved a few pounds and are anxious to explore the world. Almost half the customers who have been taking advantage of the cheap fares now on offer are business people who appreciate the savings they can make by bypassing the major airlines and heading for EasyJet or Devonair.

While the national carriers have been obsessed with image, customers have become increasingly price conscious. While there may be some big-spenders who will take note of the gaudy new BA tail fins and book their ticket accordingly — Lady Thatcher, presumably, boycotting BA unless it will incorporate her novel handkerchief design — many more are likely to be influenced by the chance to reach their destination at a fraction of the normal price.

Robert Ayling, BA's determined chief executive, would be foolish not to try to provide transport for those customers as well as the ones who are more interested in collecting little foil-wrapped packets of peanuts. Having taken on the unions this

summer, in one of the nastier, and most important, industrial disputes to be seen for several years, he is now ready to attack the upstart infiltrators of the airline industry.

Operation Blue Sky will start small but has the potential to become an important part of the company. Ayling is structuring BA for the next century, as he made clear when he did battle with the cabin staff, a sickly bunch, according to the doctors who so conveniently provided medical get-outs for their absence from work. Joining forces with American Airlines is a strategic plank in his planning and he is fighting the regulatory hurdles that seek to prevent the link.

But he is clearly plotting a framework which should ensure that BA is equipped to cope with the changing demands for air travel. Apart from the new, no frills, airline, there is also the joint venture with Flying Colours, which uses BA pilots but

owns crew from the holiday company to cater to those on jaunts to exotic destinations. Ayling is at pains to insist that he is not aiming to turn BA into a

virtual airline, with everything outsourced, although his summer bust-up must have made him ponder the delights of having the cabin staff, a sickly bunch, according to the doctors who so conveniently provided medical get-outs for their absence from work. Joining forces with American Airlines is a strategic plank in his planning and he is fighting the regulatory hurdles that seek to prevent the link.

Bank failure that spells good news

The surge in the Japanese stock market on news that a bank has been closed down seems to be a particularly perverse instance of laughing in the face of adversity. But the fact that the Japanese authorities have allowed a bank to fail is actually good news. Just how good will depend on whether this

development was simply a sop to American pressure or whether it is the start of a genuine, and long overdue, attempt to clear up Japan's financial system.

It is no coincidence that Hokkaido Takushoku Bank was wound up on the day that Larry Summers, the US Deputy Treasury Secretary, was in Tokyo. America has been putting intense pressure on Japan and other countries in the region to get their banking houses in order and start on the road to restoring investor confidence. However, the structure of the deal suggests that there is still no political will in Japan to put up taxpayers' money to pay for bailing out banks.

Hokuyo Bank took over Hokkaido Takushoku Bank on government orders. Its bad debt was transferred to the Deposit Insurance Corporation and the

Bank of Japan provided special loans. In effect, the central bank printed yen to bail out a bank rather than acknowledge the awful truth.

Japan's record of cleaning up its banking mess has been extremely poor. It was obvious two years ago that radical action would have to be taken but after two years of officialdom indulging in every imaginable trick and backroom deal to hide the problem and keep banks afloat for appearances' sake, bad loans still amount to an estimated \$150 billion (£94 million). That is equivalent to more than 3 per cent of Japanese gross domestic product, a burden greater than the cost to America of bailing out its savings and loan industry.

This time procrastination simply will not do. If bad loans are not tackled publicly and aggressively, the Nikkei will soon

slump again. Yesterday's rally took the index to just over 16,000. Many analysts think that, at below 15,000, many Japanese banks would be technically insolvent. Japan is in danger of haemorrhaging. A sticking plaster won't work.

Still a sorry tale by man from the Pru

November 16 has apparently been designated National Apology Day. A new range of greetings cards will be ready in time for this very special day next year, some with multiple choice messages, enabling the sender to say sorry for a particular slip with just the tick of a box.

Tony Blair and Sir Peter Davis took to the television screens to launch the day, which will give card manufacturers a useful fill-in between Halloween and Christmas. But please accept my apologies in advance if I sound a little sceptical about the chorus of mea culpas. Sir Peter's apology has been too long coming to be entirely convincing. He may be "very

sorry" now about the hurt occasioned by the Prudential's mis-selling of personal pensions but the victims would have appreciated it if he had been penitent at an earlier stage. Then he might have taken responsibility for ensuring that sufficient muscle was put into righting the wrongs quickly instead of at the laggardly pace that has ensued.

If Sir Peter is truly remorseful, then he will want to guard against the Pru ever misleading its customers again. This will require something rather more permanent than a television interview. The whole ethos of the Pru's sales operation needs to be re-examined. If Sir Peter wishes to be on the side of the angels, and not merely in his TV commercials, this is the issue he must address.

Grinding away

GARRY WESTON has waited since 1991 to make his next major bid after taking over British Sugar, so presumably he will not mind waiting a while longer. Which is just as well: his wish to buy Dalgely's milling business needs Office of Fair Trading approval. Even if the superficial monopoly problem is pushed aside, Dalgely shareholders should not get too excited. Mr Weston spends ABF money with all the frugality that he spends his own.

## Emap pays £100m for Macmillan magazines

By Raymond Snoddy, Media Editor

EMAP, the magazine, radio and exhibitions group, yesterday entered the health publishing market with the £100 million purchase of Macmillan titles such as *Nursing Times* and *Health Service Journal*.

Robin Miller, the Emap chief executive, said yesterday that healthcare was a huge and growing market and Emap intended to develop the Macmillan health services division by launching new titles, expanding exhibitions and conferences and creating new electronic products.

Emap also announced a 27

per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £64.5 million for the six months to September 30, boosted by strong growth in consumer advertising combined with falling paper prices.

Emap is paying £85 million for the Macmillan business plus £17.3 million linked to first-year performance. Operating profit in 1996 was £8.4 million on sales of £22.7 million, a margin of 30 per cent. Macmillan, the publisher, said it decided to sell to concentrate on the more international side of its business — science, general publishing and English language teaching.

Emap also confirmed its general interest in IPC magazines, put up for sale by Reed Elsevier. Mr Miller emphasised his wish to see formal bank documents on the sale, due to be available at the end of this month, before deciding whether to bid.

Mr Miller said the past six months had been "a unique period" for consumer publishing, with a 4 per cent increase in copy sales and a 20 per cent increase in consumer advertising on a like-for-like basis, while paper costs had fallen more than 20 per cent. Operating profit from publishing rose 42 per cent to £28.3 million.

Turnover on continuing businesses rose 4 per cent to £376 million, adjusted earnings per share were up by 28 per cent to 20.4p and the dividend goes up 15 per cent to 4.95p. Analysts are looking for about £140 million pre-tax profit for the full year. Emap shares rose 5p to 906p.



John Rudgard intends to devote his energies to "a couple of business start-ups"

## Early departure for Bulmer chief

By Dominic Walsh

JOHN RUDGARD, chief executive of HP Bulmer Holdings, surprised the City yesterday by announcing his intention to step down in April after 33 years with the cidermaker.

Mr Rudgard, who has held the post of chief executive for ten years, is to be succeeded by Michael Hughes, former managing director of Guinness Brewing Great Britain and a former UK marketing director for Coca-Cola. Mr Hughes, 47, will join Bulmer in January.

Esmond Bulmer, chairman, said that Mr Rudgard had made "a great contribution" during his career with the company and emphasised that his departure two years early

was at his own request. Mr Rudgard, who is 58 in March, said: "In a sense my work is complete. The company is in great shape and while the market isn't great at the moment, it will come back." The company's shares, unchanged at 420p yesterday, have lost more than 200p since the spring.

He said he intends to devote his energies to his other business interests, including "a couple of business start-ups". Earlier this month he was appointed as a non-executive director of Wyko Group, the industrial services provider, and will soon take on a second non-executive role with an unnamed company.

## Sinclair moves on Premiere

SHARES in Sinclair Montrose, the healthcare group, lost nearly a quarter of their value yesterday as it announced plans to take over Premiere Group, a small employment agency that floated 18 months ago. Sinclair Montrose shares fell from 242p to 185p (Paul Durman writes).

The company, which runs

businesses helping hospitals with their staffing needs, will finance at least half the purchase price by issuing new shares at the rate of 22 for every 20 in Premiere.

The share price fell on the paper value of the deal from £10.5 million to about £8 million. Premiere's shareholders will be able to exchange up

to half their holdings for about 268p a share in cash. Premiere's shares stood at 172p before it announced a possible bid approach last month.

It is only three months since Sinclair, listed on the Alternative Investment Market, issued £6.6 million of shares to fund the roll-out of a chain of medical centres.

## LCR upbeat over future of rail link after review

By Jon Ashworth

LONDON & Continental Railways (LCR) has issued an upbeat statement about the future of the £3 billion high-speed Channel Tunnel rail link, but it gave warning about slower than expected growth at Eurostar, its train-operating subsidiary.

Confirming plans to float on the stock market about the middle of next year, LCR said that a wide-ranging business review had confirmed the long-term viability of its business. The 68-mile high-speed link remains on budget and on schedule, with completion due towards the end of 2003. The eight-strong LCR consortium said it was in discussions with seven potential partners whose participation might benefit the physical operation of the project or its financing. There has been speculation that the link might stop near

the M25 motorway because of the huge costs of the project, which includes six miles of tunnelling from Barking to Islington. LCR said the rail link would be built in a single operation, including the terminus at St Pancras. The preferred contractors for £500 million of tunnelling work will be named by Christmas.

Adam Mills, LCR's chief executive, said: "The process of reappraisal and evaluation has confirmed the long-term viability of LCR's overall business."


The rate of growth in Eurostar passenger numbers is likely to be less rapid in the short term than was anticipated at the time of the LCR bid in 1995. Longer term, the business is deemed financially robust. Eurostar passenger numbers grew 20 per cent in the first nine months of 1997.

## ABF seeks to buy Spillers

ASSOCIATED British Foods is seeking clearance from the Office of Fair Trading to acquire the Spillers milling business from Dalgely (See Commentary, this page).

Analysts said they were far from certain whether ABF would be allowed to do the deal. ABF already owns the flour producer Allied Mills in Britain, and the City believes that buying Spillers Milling would take the group over the limits on British ownership unless the grouping were considered an international commodity operation not subject to domestic regulation.

Spillers was put on sale in September with the rest of Dalgely's food ingredients business when Dalgely announced a £300 million corporate restructuring. The deadline for first bids is tomorrow evening.




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It is said that three words convey the same meaning in every language. Taxi: a means of transport in cities. Hallelujah: a religious exclamation. Expo: a mix of trade fair and Disneyland that gobbles public funds and ends its days rotting in the backyard of whichever country had the misfortune to play host.

## Past failures forgotten as the UK heads fearlessly for Expo

Take Expo 92, for example. Set in Seville, it was billed as an extravaganza in which each country built a stall, filled it with feats of national innovation and wowed the crowds with its home-grown ingenuity. In spite of being in the depths of recession, Britain was not about to be left out. The Department of Trade and Industry ploughed £20 million of public funds into its effort — it commissioned a glass and steel building the size of Westminster Abbey, which the Government hailed as representing "the rebirth of Britain".

That was asking for trouble. Only 1.5 million people visited the British pavilion — one million fewer than the DTI had hoped for. The Spanish national audit office found the £90 million project claimed by the Socialist government was, in fact, a £200 million loss.

Its plans for regeneration a flop, Britain decided to ship home its multimillion-pound

site, piece by piece, or sell it for scrap, if no home was found. Expo became Eurospeak for "white elephant".

Now, it is Expo time again and neither Britain nor Portugal, next year's host, is disheartened by the legacy of financial disaster they have inherited. Portugal is confident it can avoid the mistakes of Seville and is ploughing £1.5 billion into ensuring that it will succeed where all the other Expos have failed.

Nor is Britain's DTI fazed by the barrage of criticism it suffered last time. Rather than see Expo as a means of commercial suicide, it has pledged £3.1 million of public funds to set up its own stall and once again try its hand at showing the world the best of Britain.

It is taking the view that Expo is all about image — and the Portuguese Expo is a chance to try its hand at some brand reinvention. With a much more limited budget, the scope for financial catastrophe will be much reduced and, this

time maybe, Britain will play its part in a meaner, leaner Expo series.

Britain will be competing for the hearts and minds of an estimated 2.5 million visitors to its exhibit. It will be one of 142 countries that will be vying for the 8.5 million people that Portugal expects to visit Expo.

The centrepiece of the New Britain image is the national day, where much of the DTI's

specialises in masterminding one-off events.

He intends to project images of British business, with their help and sponsorship, anywhere he can in the 150-acre site. He talks cryptically about "earth, wind, fire and water", and leaving everyone in no doubt about the things that make Britain great. He is joined by Roger Westbrook, British Ambassador to Porto-

gal, who openly jokes that he will be recalled and sent to govern the Falkland Islands as a punishment if Britain's Expo effort flops.

Both are keen to ensure that the Britain projecting itself at the Portuguese Expo will not be the proud, old empire-building country that gleefully joined in Spain's historical naval-gazing five years ago. This time, he says, Britain will

where more than 5,000 people will live and work alongside the world's largest aquarium. Expo will, the organisers hope, go on to become Lisbon's brave new world.

This is an ambitious plan. The State is spending £620 million, which it hopes to reclaim through tax within eight years. It expects that Expo will bring £550 million of extra tourism revenue next year alone — enough to make up a third of the forecast 3 per cent GDP growth.

The Expo authorities are not short of critics. Portuguese newspapers question the usefulness of mammoth fairs in an age of instant communication. And the success of the venture largely depends on hitting the target of 15 million visits, which relies on some 6.5 million people paying for entry on two days.

They are quick to remind people that such international trade fairs left the Crystal Palace in London and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. But anyone can throw a good party, given enough money: the real test will come if the banks are still happy in five years' time. To prove itself a success, Portugal will have to go further than lay on the greatest show on earth.

FRASER NELSON

With a limited budget, the DTI effort may be leaner and meaner this time

## BA goes in search of blue skies with no-frills travel operation

Jon Ashworth finds rival low-cost airlines disturbed by the threat from Britain's major carrier

In America, low-cost carriers speak for about 30 per cent of the domestic air travel market — nearly a third of all passengers. In other words, operators such as Southwest Airlines, Tower Air and ValuJet (renamed AirTran following the Florida DC-9 crash) have steadily encroached on the traditional carriers since America opened its domestic skies to competition in 1978. Southwest alone has 250 Boeing 737s in its fleet — clear evidence of the lasting appeal of the no-frills package.

On April 1, the European Commission wrapped up its own programme of deregulation, allowing any European Union airline to start domestic services in another member country. The past three years has seen the launch of a number of low-cost carriers, including Ryanair, flying from Stansted, and Virgin Express, based in Brussels. UK operators include Debonair and EasyJet, both based in Luton. Business travellers are an important source of custom.

The low-cost market between the UK and other European destinations has grown from nothing to 5 per cent in just two years, and the US experience suggests that there is a lot more left to go round. That, at any rate, was the argument being put forward yesterday by British Airways, which confirmed its rivals' worst fears by announcing the launch of its own low-cost venture.

Codenamed "Blue Sky", the carrier will launch in the first half of 1998, operating 737-300s out of Stansted, and serving destinations (initially) in Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, France and Germany. It will be run as a separate business with its own name, identity, management and employees. More than 150 jobs will be created in the first year, spread

between pilots, cabin crew and telephone sales.

From the perspective of its low-cost rivals, BA has only one aim in launching its new service: to drive them out of the skies. It is seeking to "lock up" Stansted, grabbing the best slots and gates. Ryanair is directly affected; as is another Stansted-based carrier, Air UK, owned by KLM.

Some see a union-busting angle in all this. BA has succeeded in pushing through less-favourable pay and conditions at Euro Gatwick and British Airways Regional. Scorpions see a "Trojan Horse" element in Blue Sky — a warning to maintain BA pilots and crew to "be the line or we go outside". This all fits with the virtual airline theory, in which doom-mongers foresee BA degenerating into little more than a brand, with all the main functions parcelled out to outside operators.

Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, has rejected the virtual airline argument more times than he cares to remember, but it stubbornly refuses to go away. Any fresh evidence of outsourcing is seized on with glee, and so it is with BA's no-frills carrier. Pouring cold water on some of this, Blue Sky has recognised the British Airline Pilots' Association (Balpa) — a move not embraced by all low-cost operators.

Rivals were swift to question BA's motives yesterday. Franco Mancassola, chairman and chief executive of Debonair, said Blue Sky was a "warning light" to consumers, who could see air fares rise if BA succeeded in squeezing the low end of the market. He said: "I believe very strongly in competition, but if BA is going to use the brute force of their financial system to eliminate small competitors, then they should be stopped."



Franco Mancassola, Debonair chairman: a "warning light" to consumers



Stelios Haji-Ioannou, EasyJet chairman: ready to raise market issue in Brussels

Mr Mancassola added: "Deregulation was created to give the consumer a choice — not for people already in a position of strength to take advantage of every single scrap, like a vulture does in the desert."

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic Airways, said the move was "typical" of BA's approach to business. He said: "They hate competition

and Europe's new low-cost carriers are genuine competition when compared to BA's dominant and monopolistic control of the markets at Heathrow, Gatwick and other regional airports."

Mr Branson said Virgin would support other low-cost carriers in any petition they might make to the European Commission. EasyJet, run by Stelios Haji-Ioannou, said it

would raise the issue in Brussels if there was evidence of an abuse of a dominant market position.

Barbara Cassani, Blue Sky's chief executive-elect, remained aloof from the debate yesterday, saying only: "I welcome and embrace competition."

Ms Cassani spent six months considering whether BA wanted to enter the low-cost market, and concluded

that there was indeed scope for further demystifying the business of travel.

Blue Sky will operate eight 737s to begin with — at a cost of about £20 million a year in leasing charges, according to analysts. BA is not giving out figures but payroll costs will probably add another £4 million a year. All this is very small beer to a company with sales of £8.4 billion in 1996.

The carrier will sell direct to the public, bypassing travel agents. Bookings will be made by credit card over the phone, with receipts sent out in the post. Tickets will be issued at the airport with a minimum of fuss. This has implications for travel agents, who are facing a squeeze as it is. BA announced yesterday that it is cutting commission on tickets sold by travel agents in the UK with effect from January 1. Commission on international tickets sales falls from 9 to 7 per cent.

Missings aside, the BA launch should be good for consumers — in the short term, at least. Debonair, for one, quotes return fares of £69 on routes to Madrid and Copenhagen. BA quotes a full economy return fare (ex Heathrow) of £498 to Madrid and £464 to Copenhagen. The one drawback is Stansted, which has a narrow catchment area, and is not ideal as a destination, despite good rail links from London Liverpool Street.

Chris Tarry, aviation analyst at Dresner Kleinwort Benson, says that BA, in choosing Stansted, is "putting a flag on the map", looking ten to 15 years ahead. Stansted is set to grow in importance as Heathrow and Gatwick move towards saturation. There is an element of dipping its toe in the water, seeing how things develop.

There is no guarantee that BA will make a success of it. Between 80 and 85 per cent of new carriers launched in America post-deregulation went out of business. European low-cost operators additionally have charter airlines to contend with, making their task all the more difficult.

### MARKETING

## When black and white become grey

When Guinness called time on its cryptic but successful "black and white" advertising campaign last week, it became the latest in a succession of household names that have recently written off big investments in well-known and popular campaigns.

Barclaycard has just waved goodbye to the £100 million or so it spent on a seven-year campaign starring Rowan Atkinson. Last month Nestlé ended a ten-year soap opera for coffee which cost a similar amount. And Cadbury is shortly due to kill off the "man in black" campaign for its Milk Tray assortments after a 30-year run and a spend of tens of millions of pounds.

With increasingly competitive marketplaces, fragmenting media and pressure from shareholders for immediate results, it is not surprising that advertisers seem to be increasingly turning to shortburst tactical campaigns at the expense of a more long-term approach. This can be exacerbated by pressure for change from within the company. Marketing directors spend less than two years on average in their posts before being replaced, so they need to make their mark quickly. Changing the advertising is a visible way to do this.

But companies let it happen at their peril. For paradoxically in an area of business noted for its obsession with novelty and impact, long-running campaigns are what every advertiser should be searching for. The reason is that they confer a place in consumers' hearts that mere money cannot buy. "They give you a cumulative investment which far exceeds the value of each year's spend," said Nigel Clare, managing director of Heinz's European grocery division.

He should know — his company has used the phrase "57 varieties" in its advertising and promotions for more than a century. Given the considerable benefits of long-term properties, you might wonder why they should ever be disposed of? There is no single answer. But the most obvious reason is consumer boredom — probably the key factor behind the demise of the Gold Blend saga. "The basic principle behind advertising is that you have to keep people interested. Long-term campaigns add familiarity, but this can turn into contempt," said Stephen Carter, chief executive of J Walter Thomp-

son, the advertising agency. This shouldn't be confused with the boredom of the advertising agency, which often sees running old strategies as an insult to its creative integrity. "In those circumstances I'll change my agency before I change my campaign," said the managing director of one well known brand company.

But undoubtedly the strongest reason for change is when the property or campaign holds back the brand. In Barclaycard's case, said John Eaton, managing director, the Richard Latham character sold the idea that it was "a good support, a form of insurance for when things got difficult".

But, said Mr Eaton, consumers were now more financially sophisticated and there was more competition, so we wanted a more every-day approach. "The advertising strategy is part of the brand strategy which is a key part of the total business strategy. We couldn't move the business on until we had changed the advertising."

Cadbury faced a similar problem with the "man in black". Alan Palmer, marketing director, said: "He was developed in the Sixties. Since then relationships between men and women have changed to become less courtly. And there is a new competitive set facing boxed chocolates."

It seems there is a trade-off between the prudent success of the existing approach which may be saying the wrong things and the impact of a new campaign which can lack the resonance and leverage of something that consumers have known all their lives.

Mr Carter said: "Ideally you want an advertising campaign to be both a wife and a mistress simultaneously." In a few rare cases this can happen. The Esso tiger, PG chimp and Andrex puppy are all examples of campaigns that have lasted decades and remained relatively fresh. In most cases the arguments for and against pensioning off your old properties will be delicately balanced. "When there is doubt, the onus of proof should be on the agents for change," said Carter. "Long-running campaigns give such benefits that they should be held innocent until proven guilty."

ALEX BENADY

## Fabian's way

MALCOLM MATSON was at Mansion House on Friday for the annual dinner of the Worshipful Company of Coopers, of which he is a member, in the presence of the Lord Mayor. He then published a pamphlet along with the Fabian Society that suggested the entire Corporation of London, and the system by which Mayors and other dignitaries are elected, should be swept away. Which would rather have put the mockers on Friday's dinner, would it not? Some conflict of interest?



"You were the one who insisted on more leg space"

Not so, responds Matson. "I see no role for the Coopers Company or any other company in local government." Under his plans, the Mansion House would be available for hire by anyone. And the Coopers would be restricted to the sort of good works he and they are currently engaged in with Tower Hamlets Borough Council, providing sheltered housing. But the Fabian Society, surely, is a bit left wing to carry much weight with the Corporation? "That's your criticism of the Corporation. I would hope they aren't as bigoted as that."

THE Matson blast has stirred up Guildhall, which normally does not react publicly to criticism. Judith Mayhew, chairman of policy and resources and successor to the omnipresent Michael Cassidy, points to the 10,000 acres of land the Corporation owns or operates around London. "There is some thought that there is this huge pot of gold available," she says. "But a lot of that is tied up in open space." As well as owning most of Epping Forest and Highgate Wood, among other bits and bobs, Guildhall also operates Hampstead Heath. Given the Government's stated need to build four million new homes over the next few years, scrap the Corporation and



much of this will end up with the developers, she says.

### Ikea of the air

BARBARA CASSANI, the chief executive of the new British Airways budget airline, may regret her suggestion that this will become the Ikea of the air. Because this suggests that BA's new venture will indeed be cheap. And impossible to reach because of road works and heavy traffic. The car park will be full. You will never find the flight you want, or any staff who can tell you where it might be. And the planes, all of which will have silly names like Snorl and Fergel, will not be customer friendly.

### Name game

A NEW thriller features a beleaguered Prime Minister terrified that a scandal from his business past will ruin his career. The PM's name is Martin Taylor. You might think the lawyers would spot this one fairly early on, but this is just what has happened in Dublin. Betrayal, by Irish senator and academic Maurice Manning, is about an Irish Taoiseach haunted by his past — oh, the choice, the choice. Publication had to be stopped because the fictional figure in question was Thomas Mulcahy, which happens to be the name of the highly respected group chief executive of Allied Irish Banks. Now the book has finally been published, with the name changed to Jack Mulcahy.

KENNETH CLARKE gets the deputy chairmanship of BAT Industries. Other Tory grandees are gradually filling up slots in the private sector. Yesterday it was announced that Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, has lined up his own little earner, as non-executive director of the Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust. Hurry, hurry, stocks are going fast.

### Turkish delight

THE rehabilitation of Asil Nadir: he has set up a new business in Turkey.



Asil Nadir has set up a new business in his adopted country

## LAW 39

### Court of Appeal

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## Shares rise in thin trading

**TRADING PERIOD:** Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1987				1987			
Low Company		Price	Unit	Low Company		Price	Unit
		per	lb. or			per	lb. or
		100	kg.			per	lb. or
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES							
548	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	117	100% Grain	28
549	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	118	100% Grain	28
550	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	119	100% Grain	28
551	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	120	100% Grain	28
552	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	121	100% Grain	28
553	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	122	100% Grain	28
554	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	123	100% Grain	28
555	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	124	100% Grain	28
556	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	125	100% Grain	28
557	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	126	100% Grain	28
558	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	127	100% Grain	28
559	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	128	100% Grain	28
560	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	129	100% Grain	28
561	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	130	100% Grain	28
562	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	131	100% Grain	28
563	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	132	100% Grain	28
564	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	133	100% Grain	28
565	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	134	100% Grain	28
566	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	135	100% Grain	28
567	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	136	100% Grain	28
568	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	137	100% Grain	28
569	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	138	100% Grain	28
570	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	139	100% Grain	28
571	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	140	100% Grain	28
572	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	141	100% Grain	28
573	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	142	100% Grain	28
574	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	143	100% Grain	28
575	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	144	100% Grain	28
576	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	145	100% Grain	28
577	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	146	100% Grain	28
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579	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	148	100% Grain	28
580	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	149	100% Grain	28
581	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	150	100% Grain	28
582	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	151	100% Grain	28
583	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	152	100% Grain	28
584	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	153	100% Grain	28
585	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	154	100% Grain	28
586	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	155	100% Grain	28
587	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	156	100% Grain	28
588	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	157	100% Grain	28
589	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	158	100% Grain	28
590	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	159	100% Grain	28
591	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32	160	100% Grain	28
592	40% Ruffed Grouse	526	4.8	32			

BANKS							
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521	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	168	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
522	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	169	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
523	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	170	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
524	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	171	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
525	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	172	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
526	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	173	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
527	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	174	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
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529	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	176	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
530	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	177	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
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533	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	180	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
534	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	181	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
535	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	182	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
536	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	183	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
537	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	184	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
538	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	185	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
539	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	186	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
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541	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	188	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
542	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	189	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
543	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	190	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
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545	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	192	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
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552	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	199	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
553	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27	200	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125
554	100% Ruffed Grouse	1125	2%	27			

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST							
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903	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	171	800 Ruff	800
904	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	172	800 Ruff	800
905	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	173	800 Ruff	800
906	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	174	800 Ruff	800
907	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	175	800 Ruff	800
908	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	176	800 Ruff	800
909	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	177	800 Ruff	800
910	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	178	800 Ruff	800
911	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	179	800 Ruff	800
912	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	180	800 Ruff	800
913	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	181	800 Ruff	800
914	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	182	800 Ruff	800
915	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	183	800 Ruff	800
916	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	184	800 Ruff	800
917	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	185	800 Ruff	800
918	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	186	800 Ruff	800
919	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	187	800 Ruff	800
920	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	188	800 Ruff	800
921	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	189	800 Ruff	800
922	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	190	800 Ruff	800
923	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	191	800 Ruff	800
924	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	192	800 Ruff	800
925	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	193	800 Ruff	800
926	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	194	800 Ruff	800
927	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	195	800 Ruff	800
928	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	196	800 Ruff	800
929	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	197	800 Ruff	800
930	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	198	800 Ruff	800
931	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	199	800 Ruff	800
932	800 Ruff	800	2%	43	200	800 Ruff	800
933	800 Ruff	800	2%	43			

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS							
400	200 Ruff	200	2%	43	168	200 Ruff	200
401	200 Ruff	200	2%	43	169	200 Ruff	200
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# Failure to comply with order

# Enforcing local planning policy

**Star News Shops v Stafford Refrigeration Ltd: UPO (UK) Ltd and Another (Third Parties): Unité Hermétique (Fourth Party)**  
Before Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Robert Walker  
[Judgment October 30]

It was wrong in principle to strike out a party's defence for breach of a non-peremptory order although Order 24, rule 1(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court did give jurisdiction to make such an order.

Where a party had failed to comply with a bare order for discovery, the proper order was to grant an extension of time expressed in an "unless" order.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal against a decision of Judge Gibbs in Birmingham District Registry by the fourth party, Unité Hermétique, against the dismissal of its defence to fourth party proceedings brought by the plaintiffs, UPO (UK) Ltd, and its associated company, Ashby Co. The judge's orders were quashed and judgment against the fourth party set aside.

The third parties had supplied a refrigerator unit to the defendant

for installation into the plaintiffs' shop premises where it had caught fire. The fourth party had supplied the compressor to the third parties, who alleged that the compressor was responsible for the fire.

In an action for damages for breach of contract and negligence arising from a fire in a refrigeration unit supplied to the plaintiffs, the defence to a fourth party notice was dismissed under Order 24 rule 1(1) for failure to comply with an order for specific discovery not expressed in final or "unless" form. Judgment was given for the third parties.

In the main action, judgment was given for the plaintiffs, and for the defendant against the third parties. Liability for damages therefore rested with the fourth party, which appealed against the dismissal of its defence.

Order 24, rule 1(1) provides: "(1) If any party who is required by any of the foregoing rules, or by any order made thereunder, to make discovery of documents... fails to comply... the court may make such order as it thinks just including, in the case of a party, an order that the defence be struck out or that the defence be entered accordingly."

Mr Ronald Walker, QC and Mr Alexander Hill-Smith for the fourth party.

fourth party: Mr Michael de Navarro, QC, for the third parties.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the effect of the judge's order was to debar the fourth party from advancing an arguable defence and left it vulnerable to the outcome of the main action and the third party proceedings.

To do so was a misuse of the power within Order 24 rule 1(1). That order did not secure compliance relating to discovery by punishing the fourth party for not having complied with a "bare" order in time. The circumstances were not so exceptional as to justify such an order.

At the hearing, the third parties should have asked for an order striking out the defence unless within a certain time the fourth party had produced a discovery.

That would then have become a peremptory order of the court which, if not ultimately complied with, would have justified the ultimate sanction.

The fact that discovery was not yet complete and that there was no evidence justifying the default were not sufficient reason for imposing the sanction of strike out. The order for discovery made in this case was not peremptory. In *Hytec Information Systems Ltd v Coventry City Council* (The Times December 31, 1996) Lord Justice

Auld described an "unless" order as "the end of the line for a party who has failed to comply with it".

The fourth party had not reached the end of the line merely because it failed to comply with one previous order which was not a final "unless" order.

Although Order 24, rule 1(1) gave the judge jurisdiction to make the order, he none the less erred in principle in striking out a defence for breach of a non-peremptory order. He should have made a final or "unless" order and plainly exercised his discretion wrongly.

The judge had an inherent power to make an "unless" order in the absence of a specific application supported by affidavit. When considering the third parties' application the judge was required to consider the fourth party's position and had power to grant any necessary extension.

It would not have been appropriate to deny the fourth party an extension, where the denial would deprive it of the right to defend itself, because of a procedural default which, if unjustified, caused the third parties no prejudice which could not be compensated by an award of costs.

Lord Justice Walker agreed.

Solicitors: Hestall Erskine Watmores.

**Regina v Leominster District Council, Ex parte Pottery**  
Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Schiemann and Lord Justice Robert Walker  
[Judgment October 28]

Whether or not a development was in accordance with local planning policy for the purposes of section 54A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, was a matter for the local planning authority and not a question of law for the court on judicial review.

Furthermore, a planning authority was entitled to consider the likelihood of enforcement action at the time when an application for retrospective planning permission for a building erected without planning permission was before it and to take into account the existence of the unlawfully erected building as a point in favour of granting permission.

The Court of Appeal so stated, allowing an appeal by the local planning authority, Leominster District Council, from the decision of Mr Malcolm Spence, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on January 16, 1997, whereby he granted an application for judicial review by Patricia Pottery and quashed the authority's decision to grant retrospective planning permission for a winter lambing shed on a neighbouring property.

The applicant lived at Longford House, bordering on the curtilage of the house was Mousenatch Farm. Both properties were within the Kingsland Conservation Area. The operations at the farm included sheep farming.

In 1995 a livestock shed made of steel and wood was erected within the curtilage of the house, close to the boundary of Longford House with its long side running approximately parallel with the curtilage boundary and between 10 and 20 metres from it.

The shed was a concrete apron around the shed was laid which abutted the curtilage of the applicant's land, the back garden of Longford House. The authority did not serve an enforcement notice but invited an application for retrospective planning consent for its retention.

The authority granted permission on condition that the shed was to be used for winter lambing only and that it was not to be used for any other purpose whatever without the written consent of the authority.

Section 54A provides: "Where, in making any determination under the Planning Acts, regard was to be had to the development plan, the determination shall be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise."

Miss Nathalie Lieven for the

authority: Mr Ian Dove for the applicant.

LORD SCHIEMANN said that the applicant's case was, inter alia, that the authority when deciding to grant permission gave weight to a factor to which it was not entitled to give weight, namely that the lambing shed had already been built.

In *Edinburgh City Council v Secretary of State for Scotland* (The Times October 31, 1997), a case concerned with the Scottish equivalent of section 54A, Lord Clyde dissuaded the impact of section 54A on the duties of the planning authority and what the approach of the court ought to be on any judicial review application.

What Lord Clyde said, in his Lordship's judgment, represented the law of England as well as that of Scotland.

Lord Clyde had said: "The section has not touched the well established distinction in principle between those matters which are properly within the jurisdiction of the decision maker and those matters in which the court can properly intervene. It has introduced a requirement with which the decision maker must comply namely the recognition of the authority's duty to give to the development plan."

"It had thus introduced a potential ground on which the decision maker could be faulted were he to fail to give effect to that requirement. But beyond that it still leaves the assessment of the facts and the weighing of the considerations in the hands of the decision maker. It was for him to assess the relative weight to be given to all the material considerations."

Was the council entitled to have regard to the existence of the lambing shed? The court was told that there was no authority on the point. The judge did not need to deal with it, in view of his finding that the grant of permission was illegal on the ground of irrationality, and did not do so.

Mr Dove submitted that the effect of that was to give an applicant a person who had acted, consciously or unconsciously, in defiance of planning laws over persons who kept to the law. The policy of the law should be to discourage that. In broad terms his Lordship agreed.

The court said that the grant of planning permission was a matter for the planning authority and not a question of law for the court on judicial review.

Mr Dove went on to submit that the authority erred in law in giving the existence of the unlawfully erected shed any weight whatsoever in reaching the grant of planning permission for its retention.

His Lordship disagreed for the following reasons.

The essential question for the authority in the present case was "given that winter lambing on the site is a permissible activity, is the actual and potential increase in adverse effects on Longford House resulting from the conditional permission which we are minded to grant such that we ought to grant it?"

The background to a consideration of that question was to compare what would happen if permission were granted, with what would happen if permission were refused.

The planning advantages flowing from a grant of permission would be that if the activity was not confined to a specific part of the year and specific animals, enforcement action for breach of condition could be taken against it.

A significant, although not the only, disadvantage of the grant of permission would be that the shed itself could not be the subject of enforcement action. If, however, the shed were going to be allowed to remain there any how even if permission were refused then that disadvantage inherent in any grant of planning permission would disappear.

So it was relevant for the authority to ask: "Are we of the view that it is expedient that the existing shed be pulled down?" The question was phrased that way because the only presently relevant way that the authority could secure the pulling down of the shed was by the issue of an enforcement notice.

His Lordship therefore rejected the submission that a planning authority was never entitled to consider the likelihood of enforcement action at the time when the application for retrospective planning permission for a building erected without planning permission was before it.

It was not rare that buildings were put up without the appropriate planning permission. Some times there was no planning objection at all. Sometimes there was an insuperable objection. There were many situations between the two ends of a continuum.

There were situations where the authority would not have given permission for the development if asked for permission for precisely that which had been built, but the development was not so objectionable that it was reasonable to require it to be pulled down.

To require that would be a disproportionate sanction for the breach of the law concerned. This was why Parliament had imposed the requirement of expediency. What weight the authority gave to the existence of the building was a matter for the authority. There were policy reasons of the type identified by Mr Dove for not giving much weight to the existence of a building put up without the necessary planning permission but those would not prevail in every case, only in some.

His Lordship accepted that an authority might say that it was presently inexpedient to issue an enforcement notice but it wanted to keep its options open and see how things developed.

In such a case the existence of the building could hardly weigh in favour of the applicant for retrospective planning permission for to grant it would result in the authority no longer keeping its options open.

However, there could equally be cases where the authority could say that, while it would not have granted the permission for that precise building there, it was not expedient to require it to be pulled down. Circumstances varied infinitely.

Lord Justice Robert Walker and Lord Justice Simon Brown were in agreement with Lord Justice Schiemann.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard, Daniels Ferraby & Co, Tewkesbury.

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## Council cannot change school in statement

**Regina v Havering London Borough Council, Ex parte K**  
Before Mr Justice Sedley  
[Judgment August 20]

Once a particular school had been specified in a child's special educational needs statement, it was not open to the education authority in deciding whether or not it should provide school transport for the child to take the view that the child's needs would be met at other nearer schools.

Want of transport was capable of being an unavoidable cause within the terms of section 44(7) of the Education Act 1944 for the absence of a child from a boarding school.

However, in the instant case, the fact that the child's mother found it impossible because of business problems to take the child to and from school did not amount in law to an "unavoidable cause" so as to make it incumbent on the council to consider it necessary to provide transport under section 50(1) of the 1944 Act, since it affected the child only secondarily.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division on an application by the mother of a child aged 10, quashing by way of judicial review the refusal of Havering London Borough Council

on April 25 and July 25, 1997 to grant the child assistance with travel to school.

Section 44 of the 1944 Act provides: "(1) If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence."

"(7) In proceedings for an offence under this section in respect of a child who is a boarder at the school at which he is a registered pupil, the child shall be taken to have failed to attend regularly at the school if he is absent from it without leave during any part of the school term at a time when he was not prevented from being present by reason of sickness or any unavoidable cause."

Section 50 provides: "(1) A local education authority shall make such arrangements for the provision of transport and otherwise as they consider necessary, or as the Secretary of State may direct, for the purpose of facilitating the attendance of persons receiving education - (a) at schools..."

Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr Clive Rawlings for the applicant: Mr Nigel Giffin for the council.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said the special educational needs statement

relating to a severely dyslexic boy aged 10 had provided that he would attend as a weekly boarder at a specified school on the Kent coast; the mother to be responsible for transport to and from the school at her own expense.

The local authority had opposed the statement on the basis that any of three mainstream schools in Havering was adequate for the boy.

The mother eventually found it impossible to comply with the transport requirement specified in the local authority to make provision instead. The local authority declined to provide the boy with transport, on the basis that the statement explicitly made the mother responsible.

The mother took the issue to the school attendance panel which decided that the council had no duty to provide transport under section 50(1) or under sections 44 and 50 of the Education Act 1944 since the boy could be accommodated in local schools.

The panel had refused to make a discretionary grant of free transport or a contribution to the cost of transport and the mother had sought judicial review of that decision.

In his Lordship's judgment, the choice by the special educational

needs tribunal of the specified school was not predicated, dependent or conditional on the mother's statement of special educational needs was not undone by the mother's inability to do so.

The mother had been accorded a proper opportunity to put her side of the case to the attendance panel although she had not been allowed to be present.

The term "unavoidable cause" in section 44(7) of the 1944 Act was capable of including want of transport. However, the mother's inability to provide transport did not amount in law to an "unavoidable cause" so as to make it incumbent on the council to consider it necessary to provide transport under section 50(1) of the 1944 Act, since it affected the child only secondarily.

The school attendance panel had taken its decision on the basis that the child could and should be at one of the three mainstream schools in Havering. It had no right to do so, and since its conclusion was based on extraneous considerations it should be quashed and the decision reopened.

Solicitors: Ashok Patel & Co, Baltham; Mr Michael J. Turk, Havering.

## Specifying nuisance

**Lowe and Another v South Somerset District Council**

Although statement notices should set out the nature of the nuisance, there was no requirement that such a notice should specify whether the nuisance was one prejudicial to public health or was common law nuisance.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Gage) so held on July 7 in refusing the application of John Lowe and Sandra Lowe for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash a notice issued by South Somerset District Council under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 which required them to abate the crowing of

cockerels and the chorus of water-fowl at their smallholding.

MR JUSTICE GAGE said that the applicants submitted that the section 80 statement notices specifying statutory nuisance were to go further and say which of two types of nuisance were alleged.

Section 79(1)(g) distinguished between two different types of nuisance. The first was nuisance prejudicial to public health and the second was nuisance at common law.

His Lordship preferred the council's submission that the point was covered by statute. What was important was that the acts of nuisance were set out in the notice.

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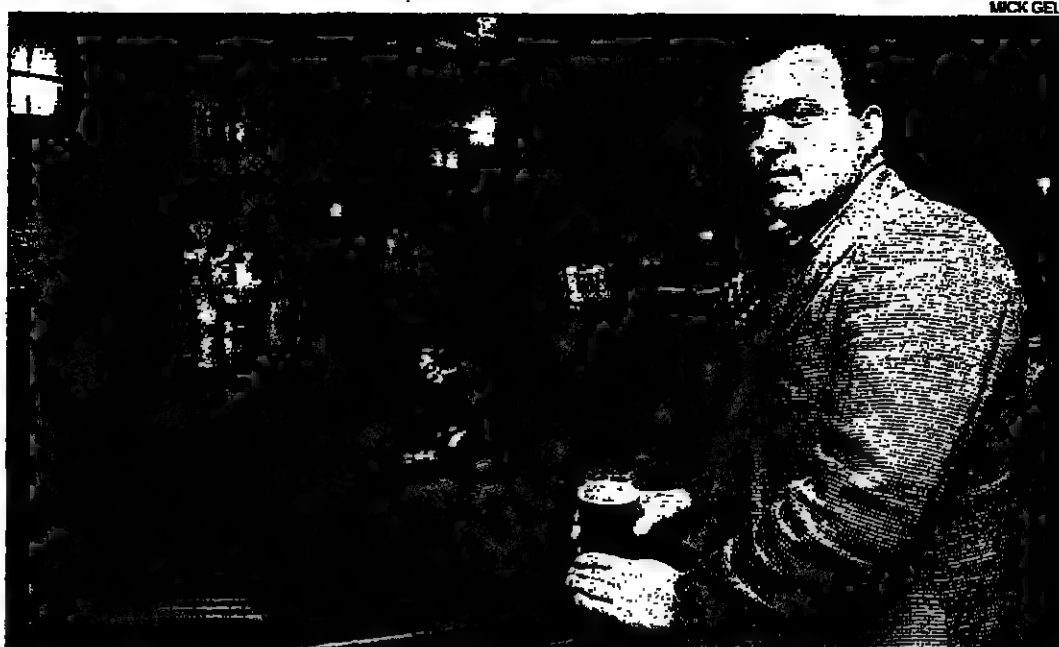
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# Brewery venture goes flat for marketing whiz-kid

Mark Andrews  
on a business  
idea that failed  
to ferment in UK



Toby Mynott put in £55,000 of his own money but saw the business wound up within 12 months

A campaign to persuade small businesses that profits can be improved by protecting the environment is being launched in London today. The World Wide Fund for Nature and NatWest Bank have developed the Better Business Pack, giving practical guidance on green issues. The organisers claim that the UK's small and medium-size businesses can cut out nearly nine million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year while making a saving of more than £1.5 million. The four key areas are waste, utilities, transport and the supply chain. Summaries and a quick-start guide are available from WWF-UK on 01483 412487. For the complete pack costing £55 call 01753 643104.

□ About 43 per cent of small business owners have not considered who will succeed them on their death or retirement, says a survey conducted for Business Pages among 500 companies with annual turnovers below £5 million. Almost all said day-to-day issues and survival took precedence over planning. A checklist prepared by Business Pages and the Federation of Small Businesses includes advice on planning early.

□ Barclays Bank has this week opened a treasury centre in Paris to provide medium-sized firms with access to financial markets. Exporters to Europe will be offered advice on interest-rate and exchange-rate risks. The bank has already set up regional treasury centres in Britain at Reading for the South, Coventry for the Midlands and Wales, Manchester for the North and Scotland, and in London.

□ A guide to help busy managers to plan and manage their careers has been produced by the Institute of Management. Practical Self-Development costs £8, or £6 for members. Call 0345 023736.

ON A business trip to Toronto, Toby Mynott, a marketing whiz-kid, picked up what he thought was a great, money-making idea. He had seen crowds flocking to a micro-brewery offering advice and facilities to Canadians to brew their own brand of beer. A do-it-yourself brewery where the beer was cheap, tasty and a bit of a novelty.

Home in Canterbury, he found ideal premises in a back street, put in £55,000 of his own money — all he had — and raised a few more thousand from professional investors and venture capitalists.

It was not going to make him a fortune, but he was in business. The Great Stour Brewery was born. Mr Mynott, 37, said: "It was working well in Canada and I saw no reason why it shouldn't work here."

In February 1996 he was up and running. The feedback from earlier customers was very positive and he quickly built up a faithful following. "Although we had thousands of inquiries in those early weeks they didn't turn into business." Less than 12 months after he started brewing, the business was wound up with losses all round. So, what went wrong? Just about everything, it seems. A good idea in North America does not automatically transfer successfully to Europe, Mr Mynott says the quality of the beer

was not an issue, but overheads were much higher than had been anticipated and income was lower. "I remember one of the venture capitalists saying to me: 'Toby, you'll know within three months whether or not it will work.' He was absolutely right. We had a crisis board meeting. We looked at the figures, decided it hadn't worked, and began the process of winding up the company. It was as quick as that."

Mr Mynott, now working successfully as a consultant, has this advice for those who want to strike out on their own. "There's no golden rule, but talk to plenty of people about your ideas. Some will be critical, others constructive. Some will be interested and give you realistic feedback. But the decision is yours — and you can't vacillate."

"I'm not bitter about what happened, but I did feel battered. It shakes one's confidence and I'm not quite as bouncy as I once was. I didn't feel humiliated, just an immense sadness and tiredness when I left the brewery for the last time."

"Would I do it again? Not if I knew the result was going to be disaster. I enjoyed the experience, but looking back there was an element of not being fully prepared. Having a good idea is not enough. I made basic mistakes. For a start Canterbury is less than 30 miles from cheap Calais booze. So there's not much incentive to brew your own."

"If it had been up North, Liverpool, Sunderland or Manchester, where they take their beer and money seriously, I think I would have stood a good chance. But being good at marketing is not enough — you need a financial manager, who's pragmatic, non-optimistic and looks purely at the financial picture."

AN ATOMIC motor, a doorstep anti-flood device and easy-fit snowchains for car tyres are among 200 new products being shown at the London International Inventions Fair, which runs from November 27 to 30 at the Barbican Exhibition Centre.

Together with UK inventors, the fair, the organisers say, will also include the largest number yet of overseas entrepreneurs coming to London to find development finance and marketing partners.

Several Polish universities will be represented, demonstrating new scientific and medical developments. There will also be inventors from South Africa, the US, Denmark, Finland and Italy.

Among the UK inventors is John Gilbert, who is showing his patented fibre-optic viewing system. Mr Gilbert says it is a low-cost and versatile system, with applications from security systems and monitoring to use within vehicles to improve all-round visibility, especially when parking or manoeuvring.

The wide range of products and ideas on show includes a lightweight electrically powered vehicle; a miniaturised solar battery unit, a cheaper and greener alternative to conventional batteries; leisure products such as new board games; an adjustable wind turbine and, among the diverse selection from Poland, a new type of bullet-proof and knife-proof vest.

David Melton, managing director of Sterling Safety, who has developed a number of successful fire-detection products, is a regular exhibitor at the fair and says such events "provide a wonderful platform" for inventors who, all too often, are dismissed as "loons working in garden sheds".

Mr Melton says that exhibiting can bring useful contacts and much valuable advice as well as constructive criticism.

Kane Kramer launched his new product at the fair held in March. Since then it has taken off dramatically. His company, Metal Paint, created a water-based paint that uses powdered metal to give a range of hardwearing metal finishes when applied to surfaces ranging from plastic to concrete.

eight months later, is being distributed in 30 countries. Mr Kramer says that the success of the paint since March has been "unbelievable".

The fair is being run in conjunction with the International Business Opportunities Exhibition. There are also workshops offering advice on patenting and developing and financing new product ideas.

For further details, call Sphinx Exhibitions on 01202 762252.

## Start-ups at highest for seven years

By Rodney Hobson

BUSINESS start-ups are running at a seven-year high, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales says. The total is 11.5 per cent up on a year ago.

The institute's figures, covering the first half of 1997, also showed that business failures were down 12 per cent to their lowest level since 1990.

However, the institute fears that growth and development among smaller companies could be jeopardised because most have no clear strategy, no written business plan and no set growth targets.

Richard Longley, chairman of the institute's enterprise group, says: "The 'feel-good' factor is very apparent among small and medium companies, not least due to the positive political mood. Equally evident, however, is the concern among chartered accountants who advise these businesses that many of them are embarking on their expedition into the commercial arena without a map or even a clear destination in mind."

Mr Longley says that the support network is "unclear", with the role of government and other official bodies not communicated or explained.

The intended co-ordinating role of Business Links "is not yet fully established" and many small businesses express reservations about using support agencies even when they are aware of them, he adds.

## Charities gain expert advice through consultancy

By Brian Collett

SMALL financial advisers are being encouraged by an unusual consultancy to sell their services to charities.

Edward Jewson Services to Charities was created in 1992, to put professional services businesses in touch with voluntary groups, which are often run with good intentions but scant knowledge of finance, the law and other aspects

of management. Mr Jewson said: "I have tried to acquire a panel of specialists, many of them experts in their field, to provide something of value to charities."

One particularly useful service is given by the Cost Reduction Partnership, a small business that seeks the lowest prices for supplies. The Jewson consultancy service is free to the charities. The professional businesses charge the charities for their work and pay a

commission to the Jewson company. Much of the business consists of investment advice through Jewson's investment brokerage. Charities that want to review their investments receive proposals from about six financial companies in the Jewson stable to compare with the performance of their existing brokers and managers.

The Jewson company, a four-man operation at Wotton, near

Norwich, has put services businesses in touch with more than 50 charities. Mr Jewson said: "Our company is the first of its kind, a one-stop shop, saving time and money for charities."

□ Late payment of grants and other funds is undermining charities, says research by the Charities Aid Foundation and NatWest. It finds that 25 per cent of charities have limited access — or none at all — to specialised financial skills.



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**MUSIC:** A gala on Saturday inaugurated the £5.7 million Hall for Cornwall, a project that has converted the 150-year-old shell of the old City Hall in Truro into a 1,000-seat performing space: concert hall, rock venue and theatre rolled into one. Built with funds from the lottery, Europe, and local donations, the hall will offer mixed fare: the opening concert was a classical affair conducted by Sir David Willcocks, but future attractions range from the Rambert Dance Company and English Touring Opera to the Band of the Coldstream Guards and Danny La Rue.

**SCULPTURE:** Those old copies of *Punch* may be banished from waiting rooms for ever. If dentists follow the example of Edinburgh's new Dental Institute, opened last Thursday at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, the Institute has commissioned four installation artists to brighten up patients' visits. Stephen Skyrnska, for instance, has created a wall from transparencies of pop art which are described as "teasingly reminiscent of teeth", while Anita Wohlén has embedded bite marks (taken from Institute staff and the general public) into walls, and added "steel cut-outs, reminiscent of fillings" into a "gum-pink rubber floor". For this the Scottish Arts Council paid £118,000 of lottery money. Whether the installations soothe patients' nerves or set their teeth on edge remains to be seen.

**THEATRE:** The Old Vic has been temporarily reprieved — for a laugh. Instead of going dark on December 6 when the Peter Hall Company's season comes to a close, the theatre — which has been put up for sale by its Canadian owners Ed and David Mirvish — will stay open until January 3, as the Russian clown Slava Polunin plays a three-week Christmas season with his company, West End insiders see the booking as a hopeful sign that the Mirvishes will not sell the theatre immediately.

**MUSEUMS:** After 26 years in Burlington Gardens off Piccadilly, the Museum of Mankind is to close on December 31. That will allow the British Museum's Department of Ethnography, which runs the 300,000 items ready for their return to the main BM site in Bloomsbury, where new permanent galleries are being prepared.

# Mary not so contrary

POP

Mary J. Blige  
Wembley Arena

It is not only the Spice Girls who get booed off stage. It happened to Mary J. Blige the first time she played London. But that was four years and several million album sales ago and, while the self-styled "queen of hip hop soul" remains a famously petulant interviewee, her stage manner at Wembley Arena on Saturday was little short of gushing. "Thank you, London, for all your support," she said. "Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you."

In truth, the moments when she could have said anything more were few and far between. From the minute Blige came marching on stage amid a fusillade of exploding fireworks, wearing little more than a dark blue corset, knee-length boots and wraparound shades, there was scarcely a pause in this tightly scripted rollercoaster of a show.

Songs were telescoped one into another, giving that vaguely unsettling impression, endemic to the soul revue format, that the performers could never quite be bothered to get to the end of anything. And during Blige's frequent costume changes, the baton was immediately picked up by either her trio of backing singers or an energetic MC who exhorted us all to get out and buy Blige's current album, while hurling copies of it into the front rows.

Subtlety, then, is not Blige's forte. With a Manhattan skyline as the backdrop, she and her four ever-present dancers armed themselves with walk-

ing sticks and waltzed up and down a flight of steps as if in a Broadway musical during *I'm Goin' Down*. To signal the softer mood of *Everything* she changed into a white jumpsuit and sang the song literally up to her neck in dry ice.

Yet despite all the glamour and glitz, Blige retained a perceptible frisson of street credibility. While most black artists have lost touch with their original core audience by the time they are mainstream enough to play a venue as big as Wembley, Blige's crowd was still 50 per cent black. The mixture of hip hop, swingbeat and funk rhythms which underpinned numbers such as *Reminisce* and *Love is all We Need* gave her music a strong contemporary urban feel. And, most importantly, Blige's voice retained the throaty, frayed-at-the-edges quality and gospel singer's range which has earned her all those flattering comparisons with the queen of (real) soul, Aretha Franklin, no less.

But Franklin also has a repertoire of truly great songs and, while Blige performed with fierce conviction, there was nothing in this set that could muster either the melodic clarity or emotional punch of such classics as *Respect* or *Think* or *Chain of Fools*.

DAVID SINCLAIR

## About the blues

All Farka Toure  
Festival Hall

The West African guitarist Ali Farka Toure hails from Timbuktu and is best known for the Grammy-award winning album he made with Ry Cooder, an atmospheric concoction of traditional rhythms, deep blues and glittering guitar work. A legendary figure in his native Mali, he is being urged to use his fame and prestige to take up a career as a reforming politician in what remains a deeply traditional society. "Ali was born to lead," Cooder told me, and on stage he is a commanding, charismatic figure.

He gave a compelling performance of the African blues, a fascinating lesson in the cross-fertilisation of two cultures, sharing an ancient commonality but ripped asunder by history. The blues of the American delta was born out of the tribal music carried in the slave ships, and Ali combines African roots with an acute awareness of its development in the cotton plantations.

Accompanied only by Oumou Toure on percussion and Hamadou Boucon on backing vocals, he used the simplest elements to build a hypnotic and mesmerising sound. He began on electric guitar, favouring a fuzzy tone

on a series of high and brittle solos, picking out the simple and insistent bass lines at the same time. The slow blues of *Al Diou* perfectly illustrated the music's journey as Ali fused John Lee Hooker's metronomic style with passionate African vocals.

He switched to an acoustic guitar for the nimble patterns of *Gomni* and *Amandrai*, taken from the *Talking Timbuktu* album he made with Cooder, rhythmically sparse yet polished until they sparkled. He sings in a variety of West African languages, including Songhai and Bambara, and spoke to the audience at length in a Creole French which was almost as impenetrable. Yet the vocabulary of his music is universal. Towards the end he switched to the njarka, a one-stringed traditional bowed instrument often described as a West African precursor of the violin, an achingly timeless sound which again spoke of the tribal influences on American blues.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON



Good, but no Aretha Franklin, Mary J. Blige worked her socks off at Wembley Arena

## A subdued artists' procession

OPERA

Opera Gala  
Albert Hall

IMPROVISATION was in the air on the opening night of the Royal Opera's short stay at the Albert Hall. *Nights of the Stars* was reborn as *A Gala Evening of Opera*, which was just as well because not all the artists originally announced were present.

The young Italian tenor, Fabio Armiliato, due to make his company debut, was a last-minute cancellation. Fortunately José Cura, already well established on the international circuit, was on hand and prepared to add to the number of arias he was already scheduled to sing. Appropriately, he took over Andrea Chenier's *improviso* from Armiliato and in Giordano's opera provided the most stirring singing of the evening. Cura, bold in his vocal attack and ready to flood the music with emotion, is a natural in this part.

He was also the star, carrying the personality and the volume to take on the wastes of the Albert Hall. He got proceedings off to fine start with *Cielo e mar* from *Giocanda* and closed them in equally ringing style with *Tu qui, Santuzza* from *Cavalleria*. In the latter he was joined by Agnes Baltsa, who proved much more adept as Mascagni's heroine than she had been earlier in the *Veil Song* from *Don Carlos*.

Her fellow Greek, Irene Carli, a young soprano, was bold enough to tackle the close of Donizetti's *Anna Bolena*. There is plenty of promise there, but the voice is hardly of Albert Hall dimensions yet, especially in so taxing a piece.

The other performers were mainly drawn from the *Otello* casts Covent Garden is fielding this week and they prowled around the pillars of Timothy O'Brien's set with varying success. Zvetlana Vasilieva revealed fine-spun tone in her two arias (Puccini and Cilea), Alexandru Agache rougher edges in his pair (Giordano and Verdi). Giuseppe Giacomini had a distinctly unhappy time as Leoncavallo's Canio.

The evening lacked structure. The procession of artists each doing their piece before exiting was the musical equivalent of a fashion parade. Sometimes the clothes fitted and sometimes they did not. Jacques Delacôte and the ROH Orchestra had a very subdued time, suggesting their minds were on *Otello*. Luckily Cura was at hand to raise the temperature at intervals.

JOHN HIGGINS

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## Finnish fire

LSO/Basil  
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Everyone knew that, after Sir Colin Davis's revelatory Sibelius with the London Symphony Orchestra five years ago during the Barbican's Tender is the North festival, the cycle would be back before long. It has returned in time to celebrate Finland's 80th year of independence, and as part of the Barbican's Volo festival of Finnish music and the arts which opened on Sunday.

Sir Colin's is indeed huge, celebratory Sibelius forged, it seems, in the very fire of Finland's great mythic blacksmith, Ilmarinen. The First Symphony seems even broader in its tempos, deeper in its resonances than it did in 1992; and the LSO more instinctive and even more enthusiastic in its response to Davis's sentient grading of textures, and his formidable control of pacing.

In the face of such full-hearted performances, anything less than total generosity of spirit in response might seem out of place. And yet, since that first cycle, those who care deeply about Sibelius will have observed Osmo Vänskä's way with the symphonies, both on disc and with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and will have meditated on Paavo Berglund's

continuing clear-sighted wisdom. Vänskä, in particular, has shown that the composer's metronome markings in the first movement of the First Symphony are both viable and exciting. After Andrew Marriner's matchless opening clarinet solo on Sunday night, the great tremulous upbeat into the *Allegro energico* simply did not thrill as it can in a tauter performance.

Speed alone, of course, is not all. What distinguishes Davis's Sibelius is the thinking behind the tempo. And he brings to this symphony the full weight of Tchaikovsky's recollection: Sibelius, after all, was deeply moved by a Helsinki performance of the *Pathétique* just a year before he wrote his own First Symphony. But this is not Tchaikovsky. In the very making of his music — in its inexorable organic growth, its tonal ambivalence, in the tough outworking of its static and dynamic principles — Sibelius seems to brace himself against life. And when a conductor braces himself against the music, we perhaps come closest to the heart of Sibelius.

This was nevertheless quite some evening, after quite some day. Since 10am the LSO had held a Sibelius Discovery Day. When that ended, the Volo festival was opened with a fanfare for brass, wind and percussion by the Finnish composer Kimmo Hakola. And finally, Sibelius's Second Symphony surged forward, with the successive climaxes of its finale made all the more powerful by the biting string articulation which fired them.

HILARY FINCH

## Blissful union

BBCPO/Elder  
Manchester

Few conductors would want to make a specialty of Strauss's *Symphonia Domestica*. Even fewer could reasonably hope to make a success of it. Against all the odds Mark Elder has conducted that massive score with two of our leading orchestras in less than three years. And he has twice made a success of it.

The performance with the BBC Philharmonic in Bridgewater Hall was even better than the one with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. It was not a matter of the respective qualities of the two orchestras: both of them can make a virtuoso job of a scoring like this. The difference on this occasion was that the structure was so much more convincing, with no falling-away at the end.

As much as half a concert contained in one continuous

movement (though conceived in three clearly defined sections), the *Symphonia Domestica* requires long-term thinking and a sustained effort in concentration. At the same time it is packed with the most extravagantly picturesque detail which is so brilliantly done that there is a constant danger of being tempted away from structural virtue. While retaining both the baby and the bath water, Mark Elder concentrated on characterisation — where he was assisted by a particularly eloquent solo violin, an expressive oboe d'amore and an heroic trumpet — on the fundamental emotional inspiration and on the prolonged celebration of domestic happiness at the end.

As on the Birmingham occasion, Elder introduced the *Symphonia Domestica* with a romantic overture and a Beethoven Concerto. Out of its context, the prelude to the last act of Humperdinck's *Königskinder* made little sense. The performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto in G made very much more sense, in spite of the shallow-sounding piano on which it was played. Alfredo Perl's interpretation is, as yet, incomplete but it is an uncommon achievement.

GERALD LARNER



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# Airy-fairy art of the Victorians

## **Richard Cork finds drug-fuelled fantasies and shameless exuberance on show at the Royal Academy**

**H**igh on the Victorian equivalent of a designer drug, the artist lapses into a hallucinatory dream. Around his head, looting on a plush crimson cushion, a gaggle of Bosch-like hobgoblins prance; and leet, One grotesque elf offers him a potion foaming with vapours. But the painter has no need of further cocktails. He is lost in a world of feverish fantasy, and the farlanded fairy in the centre looks at him with an indulgent, enticing smile.

John Anster Fitzgerald, who portrayed himself in this small yet turbulent picture, is the fairy painting his fortune. But he was far from alone in depicting the supernatural. In 1887, when *The Artist's Dream* was executed, the occult had become a Victorian craze. Reacting against industrialisation, Darwinism and other modern horrors, a surprising number of laudanum-drowsy painters found solace in fairyland. The Royal Academy has brought together their intoxicated offerings in a Sackler Wing exhibition. Ridiculed for much of the present century, they now threaten to become a *fin-de-siècle* fad for anyone recoiling from the grimmer realities

to the same play. His *The Reconciliation of Oberon and Titania* is a precocious show-piece. Painted when he was only 20, it sets the reunited lovers in a wood teeming with nimble, sex-hungry sprites. Whether suspended in space with lyre and pipes, entwined in athletic dalliance or tumbling in an ecstatic loop of winged energy above Bottom's slumped body, they prove just how liberated Paton felt dur-

**“Lovers set in a wood teeming with nimble.**

But we should be careful to discriminate between the magical and the meretricious. Shakespeare, who was instrumental in creating an appetite for midwinter madness, speaks in an alarming diversity of images. At their best, they can boast an achievement as sublime as Turner's *Queen Mary's Cave*. Dissolving in a haze of sunset light, the cave itself is even harder to discern than the classical ruins balanced so precariously on the rocky heights above. But the overall aura is mysterious enough, and Turner has the wisdom to stop short of giving his fairies over-specific form.

**M**ost of them remain mercifully indistinct, unlike the figures in other paintings on the same wall. On one side, William B. Esser's *Puck* pays dim-witted homage to a Reynolds picture of the same subject. He turns Shakespeare's limp into an irritating child who, with his coy grin and elongated ears, waves at us in a rush of self-satisfaction. On the other side, Theodore van Holst becomes still more smirking. His *Fairy Lovers* trip through a moonlit landscape, their embrace a plaything. Only the female's winged headress introduces a more acerbic note, threatening to dislodge the absurd, overblown flower teetering on the man's head.

Some of the most celebrated 19th-century artists were not suited to fairy matters. When Landseer turned his attention away from *The Stag at Bay* struggle, amirk and bare the spikes projecting from their scaly skin. The debt to Bosch is proclaimed quite openly in the foreground, where a horned

monster clutches a broken egg as it hatches another naked fiend. But Fitzgerald's overheated imagination looks forward as well, anticipating the even more bizarre forest scenes painted by Max Ernst.

Even so, Fitzgerald seems inconsequential compared with "mad" Richard Dadd. He is by far the most outstanding artist in the show. And the fact that his masterpieces were painted in the criminal lunatic department of a hospital makes them even more astonishing. Dadd was incarcerated there in 1844, having killed his father in a nocturnal and premeditated incident. So he was never again able to pursue a promising professional career. The inmates were, however, encouraged to occupy themselves with reading, chess and handicrafts, and Dadd would certainly have been helped to resume painting as soon as he wanted to take it up once more. Dr

Monro, the physician supervising him, had inherited from his celebrated father a collection of watercolours by Girtin, Turner and other members of the so-called "Monro School". He probably urged Dadd to start working again, and a photograph taken around 1856 shows him working on one of his greatest paintings, *Contradiction: Oberon and Titania*.

**T**he thin brush held so delicately between his thumb and index finger testifies to the meticulousness with which he was able to work, loading each millimeter of his picture-surface with an abundance of microscopic detail. Although the proliferating minutiae are the result of an obsessive concern that may be symptomatic of his insanity, they also prove that Dadd's unsteady brain was allied to an exceptionally sharp eye and firm hand. The amount of superb work he produced during his 40 years in asylums bears witness to an overriding spiritual need. However depressing his outward circumstances and inner turmoil may have become, he lived on to his imagination. He died, unfortunately, as a shipwreck victim grasping the flotsam that was his own life.

Nobody can doubt the seriousness of Dodd's aims in *Contradiction*. The main characters stare at each other as if in a trance, and their uncanny stillness is echoed by everyone else in this exquisitely organised canvas. Shaped into an egg-like oval, it teems with eye-straining detail. The flora and fauna all seem the product of intense first-hand observation. But Dodd had no access to the outside world, so the butterflies, petals and figures alike all had to be painted from memory.

After *Contradiction* was completed in 1858, fairy paint-



Arthur Rackham's snappily titled *The Serpentine* is a lovely lake and there is a Drowning Forest at the bottom of it.

ing continued in Britain for another half-century. Arthur Rackham and others ensured that it invaded children's book illustrations, enchanting nursery readers with heady images of delight in the delta. It could not, however, survive the advent of the First World War. The last picture on view here, Estella Canziani's *The Piper of Dreams*, was begun in the spring of 1914. By the time she exhibited it at the Royal Academy the following year, the boy playing his instrument in the long-bound wood must have taken on a quite different meaning. He looks, with hindsight, like the bereft child of a father who has enlisted for battle, and the striped trees behind him eerily resemble the landscape of the killing fields over in France. Reproductions of Canziani's picture became a favourite among the frontline troops, selling more than 250,000 copies in the first year alone. But this is *fairly* far from being the last time that the dream could be sustained for a moment in the nightmare of machine-gunning obliteration, cutting down the young men who had so recently been weaned on a gossamer vision of paradise.

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**MUSSORGSKY'S BORIS  
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*Reviewed by David Nice*

**MUSSORGSKY'S** ma

piece has had an even chequered career than the play on which it is based. Alexander Pushkin's *Silversmith* (the opera's title in the original) was written in 1825 but only reached the stage in 1870, long after the poet's death. The opera's premiere took place four years later, by which time Rimsky-Korsakov had expanded and partly recomposed his score from the original. His well-known colleague Rimsky-Korsakov twice overhauled the work for more conventional tastes.

The spectrum of currently available recordings is distributed fairly equally between one scholar has described the "supersaturated *BBC*" David Lloyd-Jones's editing, welding together as much music as possible from the composer's 1869 and 1870 scores, and Rimsky-Korsakov's 1909 version.

kov's sanitised version. Herbert von Karajan on Decca wades through Rimsky's thickened textures as if through treacle, but provides a jewelled setting for the sumptuous utterances of Nicolai Ghiaurov's tear.

Ghlaurov is part of a tradition that puts Boris in the melodramatic limelight — a tradition promoted by the charismatic Chaliapin and taken up by Boris Christoff. Singing not just Boris in two EMI recordings but also the roguish Varlaam and the chronicler-monk Pimen, Christoff can be quietly eloquent as Pimen but follows Chaliapin in raging, not singing, his way through Boris's guilty hallucinations. He is better sampled in tandem with conductor André Cluytens.

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# Hooked up to the electric

**H**elen Blakeman's first full-length play is set in a caravan. Some of the scenes do spill over to the outside of it, when its owner or her two daughters run up to the door in the rain, or if they and their various men are sprawling on the folding chairs to sunbathe, but most of the action is inside what Elizabeth Estensen's Josie calls "my little palace".

Caravans having the dimensions they do, the size of her palace is something less than Versailles, and on the Bush stage less than your less-than-average room. The achievements of designers at this theatre are regularly being hailed, to the point at which a play just set in a room might be a disappointment, but Bruce Macdonald does not disappoint. By cutting the caravan's exterior and interior panels he allows us to see everything that goes on in its main cabin as well as providing glimpses of people who have disappeared beyond the Bush doors.

The design is almost a metaphor for Blakeman's creative style. The scenes she gives us are written with a vivid relish for a wide variety of language traits, often very funny in a way that makes you shrink at the daff thought-processes the lines reveal of the speaker. But in a time-scale that covers two years in its nine scenes, with up to six

**Caravan**  
Bush, W12

months flashing past between the scenes, a family split that ends one scene will be patched up by the start of the next. What this suggests is a life of continually unfolding and interconnecting crises, like the soap world of *Brookside*.

Liverpudlian Josie and her two daughters come to Rhyll for weekend breaks, holidays and honeymoons. There are two men in their lives, each of whom is eventually having relationships with two of the women at the same time, allowing the potential for treachery, heart-searching and outrage to be limitless.

Despite a tendency to keep the mother and her younger daughter stereotypically ignorant of the wider world, the writing shows an engaging freshness and quirky humour as well as a surefire technique for gripping the attention when the under-age Kim (Samantha Lavelle) lies back on her bunk looking at a cornet and her scallywag Mick (Nick Bagnall) spreads mink'n'choc over her before licking it off as the preliminary to sex.

Pip Donaghy, playing a striking doctor (a particularly well-observed performance), and Emma Cunliffe, as the older sister, bring with them a serious concern for the facts of



Elizabeth Estensen as Josie, owner of the eponymous caravan in Helen Blakeman's play

life outside the flow of shifting alliances, and the integration of this into the structure of the play (Mick becomes a scab) is even more significant than the easy dialogue for Blakeman's playwrighting future. These are great performances in an attractive production by Gemma Bodinetz.

JEREMY KINGSTON

## Cashing in on camp

THE time is long gone when to dabble in kitsch and camp was to flirt wickedly with the counter-culture. The retro world of glittery pink, PVC and Day-Glo is now most definitely mainstream. Today all the straight boys want to wear glitter and the straight girls talk camp.

In recent memory, fashion has carved out a very distinct route. Experimental gay culture gets picked up by the smart straights and, over about ten years, eventually filters down to the suburbs. Thus it takes a special kind of perversity to try to bypass the process to create an instant camp cult classic. The musical *Saucy Jack* and the Space Vixens (Nuffield Theatre, Southampton) is being plugged as the "Rocky Horror Show for the millennium". *Saucy Jack* is busy touring the regions with a programme of theme nights, tribute parties, and ready-to-buy costumes.

Set in a future galaxy, at the meanest bar on the planet, a crime wave attracts the attention of the Space Vixens, intergalactic crime-fighting babes who zoom in to the rescue with their glitter boots and zap guns. In theory, *Saucy Jack* has got the ingredients for a serious punch and provide an effective lesson to those who use camp humour as marketable froth.

HETTIE JUDAH

## Slices of death

**Three Viewings**  
New End, Hampstead

IN ITS former condition as a mortuary this near little theatre was the temporary resting place of the corpse of Karl Marx on his way to Highgate, writes *Jeremy Kingston*. So the artistic director can be forgiven for taking pleasure in mounting a play actually set in a mortuary — and particularly this one, by Jeffrey Haicher, which is neither cheaply sentimental nor heartlessly humorous, these being risks that come with the territory.

His play consists of three monologues spoken in a Pittsburgh parlour, first by his director, then by the granddaughter of a person passing through. There is no overlap of story except in the references to peripheral characters and to the Green Mill Luncheonette to which all three speakers resort at time of stress.

Sandra Field's design cleverly reproduces the emphatically symmetrical look of these places, ironically sometimes categorised as resplending a stage set: the sombre bands of curtaining, the gilded sofa, the explosion of white flowers. Against this setting Emil in *Tell Tale* confesses his un-

pressed love for Tessie, an estate agent who makes good use of the public viewings to make business contacts.

This tale is the least successful of the three. In great part because the author does not give us enough of Emil's past. Delaying the mention of important facts is OK, but restricting the account almost entirely to present time thins the character. Robert Jezek achieves a lot with his pale smiles and one brief outburst of rage.

The past bears powerfully upon Karen Ascoe's Mac in *The Thief of Tears*. For reasons that gradually emerge she has become a proficient corpse-robbler and demonstrates how one can bend over the dead departed, peck her tenderly on each cheek and straighten up with a brace of ruby earrings in the mouth. Ascoe's bright smiles disguise two painful, subtly linked events of long ago, and her performance effectively conveys the tart edge behind dutiful sweetness. Here Haicher's technique of delayed information is what allows the character to create itself in front of us.

In *Thirteen Things about Ed Carpalent* the delay provides a delightfully happy, last-minute twist to his widow's discovery that her wheeler-dealer husband is vastly in debt. A spruce Ann Penfold, dazed but unfazed, retraces her journey through the gathering stormclouds of ruin with ruffled shifts of voice and demeanour. She is tremendously good company too. The direction of all three plays is by Mark Clements, artistic director of Derby Playhouse, where they were first seen.

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# LAW

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Will the Lord Chancellor's legal aid plans create fresh inequalities? Frances Gibb reports

## Mind the new gap

This week MPs will have a chance to grill the Government over its proposed reforms to the £1.6 billion legal aid scheme. In a debate on Friday, Geoff Hoon, the Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, will explain why from April the Government plans to scrap civil legal aid money claims and replace them with "no win, no fee" (conditional fee) arrangements, whereby solicitors act for

nothing but can claim higher than usual fees if they win. The shake-up is aimed at restoring access to justice for "middle income Britain" — what Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, describes as the "vast majority" of the population, who cannot afford to go to law and do not qualify for legal aid.

Predictably, some will say the legal profession is already voicing strong concerns. Less predictably, so are consumer and advice bodies. There is

general support (although the Bar is not in favour) for widening "no win, no fee" work. But there is a consensus that this should not be done at the same time as withdrawing civil legal aid: it is too soon, critics say, to be sure that "no win" will plug the gap.

At the heart of the fears of consumer and legal groups is that the insurance market is not ready to step in when the State pulls out. Phillip Symmore, President of the Law Society, says the changes rest

on the assumptions that insurance cover (to protect litigants against paying a winner's costs) will be available and affordable. But last week at a briefing session he told MPs: "That simply is not the case. Outside personal-injury mainstream work, the insurance industry doubts the market will develop to provide that cover, and has said so." Where premiums do exist, he says, they will be beyond the reach of most people.

A second concern is that in

complex litigation — such as medical negligence work — solicitors cannot afford the huge investigative costs needed before they can assess if a claim is a runner.

The effect, says Ashley Holmes of the Consumers' Association, will be that the present injustice — the exclusion of "middle income Britain" from the law — will be removed at the cost of "freezing the poorest and most vulnerable" out of the legal system: one inequality swapped for another.

Insurance industry reaction is mixed. Litigation Protection, Abbey Legal Protection, and Greylock Legal Services (LawAssist) already provide cover — some in the medical negligence field. But Brian Raincock, of Litigation Protection, admits that there will have to be "imaginative schemes" developed to ensure that people can afford the premiums; and, he says, these are on the way. One option would be for the Legal Aid Board to pay the premiums; another, argued by the Government, would be for solicitors to bear the costs, which they insist they could ill afford to do. If it is to be the former, only "surefire" claims (those with more than a 75 per cent chance of winning) will ever get off the ground.

At present, this is just talk. The Government remains accused — according to Roger Smith, of the Legal Action Group — of using "a very blunt instrument" when it should use a scalpel, and all for saving £80 million from the legal aid budget.

Yet there are signs of movement. Lord Irvine is sure that "no win" fees will fill the gap and give "millions" access to justice. He does accept, though, the need for a hardship fund, and one for "public interest" cases. "But they would have to be strong cases. Any hardship fund would not become a dump for too weak cases, cases that the market is not willing to back with a conditional fee agreement."

## Why the PCC will still have a role

The Government's Human Rights Bill will incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. One issue discussed during the second reading debate in the House of Lords on November 3 was the impact of the Bill on privacy. Will the courts grant injunctions to prevent newspapers from publishing true information the subject wants to keep secret?

Article 8 of the Convention guarantees the right to private life. It recognises that on occasions we all, like Greta Garbo, want to be alone. We are entitled to have our personal thoughts and private actions protected from the telephoto lens and the microphone. But Article 8 is not absolute. It allows for intrusions into private life when this is necessary in a democratic society.

When the intrusion is by the press, Article 10 of the Convention is also relevant. It guarantees freedom of expression. Although, again, this is not an absolute right, but one that is subject to those exceptions necessary in a democratic society, the European Court has repeatedly emphasised the importance of free speech. It is "incumbent on the press to impart information and ideas on matters of public interest" in performance of "its vital role of public watchdog".

What, then, will the English courts say if, the day after the enactment of the Human Rights Bill, a television soap opera star, a relative of the Queen or a backbench MP seeks an injunction to stop a Sunday newspaper from publishing the secrets of their private life?

The Bill requires a "public authority" to comply with the Convention. A newspaper is not a "public authority", but the term is defined to include the courts, so judges must protect the rights of litigants under the Convention. However, the Convention does not require domestic law to establish a right to privacy. In *Winer v United Kingdom* in 1986, the European Commission of Human Rights concluded that because of the competing right to freedom of expression, it did "not consider that the absence of an actionable right to privacy under English law shows a lack of respect for the applicant's private life".

Our courts will also conclude that, in any event, it is consistent with the Convention for the law to allow the balance between free speech and personal privacy to be determined by public authorities such as the Press Complaints Commission (PCC). Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, explained during the second reading debate that the Government is not introducing a privacy statute because it believes that "strong and effective self-regulation is the best way forward in

the interests of both the press and the public".

The PCC Code of Practice maintains a fair balance by protecting privacy save where there are competing public interest considerations. Applying the principles to specific cases is often a difficult question of subjective judgment. The PCC's latest digest of its decisions reports, for example, on the complaint brought against *The Mail* on Sunday by Rowan Atkinson's brother, who objected to an article which speculated that he was the model for the comic character Mr Bean. Does the brother have a right to continue living his life in anonymity, or are the origins of a popular fictional character a matter of public interest? The PCC rejected the complaint.

The courts should, and I think will, recognise that other than in the most extreme circumstances, it is consistent with the Convention to leave these difficult questions of judgment to the relevant specialist body. It is true that the PCC cannot grant complainants an injunction to stop publication. But then the courts themselves will not grant injunctions to stop libels that the publisher intends to justify. Indeed, the European Court has emphasised that prior restraints on publication require "the most careful scrutiny" because "news is a perishable commodity, and to delay its publication, even for a short period, may well deprive it of all its value and interest".

In dismissing in 1996 an application for judicial review against the PCC brought by the Moors murderer Ian Brady, who was aggrieved by a picture of him published in *The Sun*, the Court of Appeal emphasised that it would recognise a very broad discretion for the PCC. Such an approach is entirely consistent with the Convention. When dismissing claims against the United Kingdom in planning cases, the European Court has stated that questions of judgment may properly be left to qualified independent experts, so long as judicial review exists to correct perversity, or errors of law.

As Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1803: "It is so difficult to draw a clear line of separation between the abuse and the wholesome use of the press, that as yet we have found it better to trust the public judgment, rather than the magistrate." Save in extreme cases, the Human Rights Bill will neither qualify nor require our judges to grant injunctions which decide where freedom of expression ends and privacy begins.

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Fiona Bawdon on two people who might have lost with conditional fees



Two who were awarded damages: Paul Kobryn, above, and June Hancock. Legal aid helped them to win expensive cases

### What about Paul?

THE first reaction of Ian Street, a solicitor, to Lord Irvine's announcements was to ask: "What about people like Paul?" Paul Kobryn was 17 when he was knocked off his bicycle, catastrophically injured, and left paraplegic.

With the help of legal aid and his solicitor, Mr Street, a partner at the Southampton-based Warner Goodman & Street, he won damages for his injuries.

Mr Kobryn, now 29, believes that the money has transformed his life. "Without it," he says, "I'd still be in an institution." Instead he lives in his own "specially adapted" home, which includes accommodation for his carer, and he plans to buy a place so he can have more privacy. His 24-hour care means that he can go to social events and has even been able to afford several short holidays.

Cases such as his are notoriously expensive to bring. They usually involve a lot of experts, which means that the disbursements cost a lot. Mr Kobryn could never have met these costs himself if "no win, no fee" had been the only option. "It's just Mum and me," he adds. "I was only a student."

Mr Street insists that the case would not have been brought without legal aid. His firm — though, with 12 partners, large for a regional firm — could not have funded it, nor could the disbursement bill have been reduced in any way.

Mr Kobryn is appalled at the prospect of legal aid being withdrawn. He also believes that it is probably a false economy. Apart from the freedom the award gives him, being financially self-sufficient means that he costs the State nothing.

### Too risky today

JUNE HANCOCK'S case has been called "the most important environmental" case of recent years. But, says the solicitor she hired, without legal aid, it would never have been brought. Ms Hancock, who died earlier this year, won £65,000 damages after developing myelotheloma — an asbestos-related cancer.

Her solicitor, Adrian Budgen of the Sheffield-based Irwin Mitchell, says the case extended the manufacturer's duty of care to neighbours of factories, rather than just employees.

The firm could never have brought this case on conditional fees: it would have been too risky, and the costs were disproportionate to the amount awarded. Even with a success fee of 100 per cent, the firm would not have been adequately compensated.

Mr Budgen says: "We have a team of nine people and spent close to 4,000 hours on it. And when you think of the experts involved and counsel..."

Nor would the after-the-event insurance limit of £100,000 have covered costs. The case was also made more expensive by the tactics of the defendants, Turner and Newall. In his judgment, Mr Justice Holland accused the company of using "any means possible, legitimate or otherwise, so as to wear [the plaintiff] down by attrition".

It is not just the 25 cases subsequently settled that were helped by Ms Hancock's victory. A research fund is being set up in her name, to offer help and support to other sufferers of myelotheloma (2,500 people die from the condition every year). "And," Mr Budgen says, "it didn't cost the taxpayer a penny."

## War crimes prosecutors wanted

THE Government is to canvass the Bar for QCs willing to help to speed up the war crimes trials at The Hague by taking on prosecutions.

The offer was made last week by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, when Judge Louise Arbouet, the chief prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the

former Yugoslavia, was visiting London.

Mr Cook said that Britain had a skilled pool of trial lawyers who might be briefed to act on a one-off basis to help to speed up prosecutions pending with the tribunal. Twelve trials are awaiting hearing, but a total of 71 alleged war criminals have been charged.

Mr Cook is keen to help to ensure that those responsible

for war crimes in the Balkans are brought to justice. Britain has become the first country to offer sanctuary to individuals who testify before the tribunal and could be in danger if they return to their homes.

● Lewis Silkin, the West End law firm, is hosting an update seminar on the Internet and e-mail on November 25. It will cover the rules of copyright and other intellectual property rights, business on the Net (contracts, advertising etc), e-mail and libel and forum shopping. Details: Sue Ryan, 0171-221 8154.

Wigs and lunch

BISHOP John Taylor, former Bishop of St Albans, will preach the fourth sermon in the *Wigs and Mitres* series at a service in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Sunday. Lawyers and anyone else who attends will hear his views on "What does the Lord require of you?" The service comes with lunch for an all-in price of £23. Details: 0171 405 1393.

Corporate killing

AS A RESULT of an editing error, Stephanie Trotter's article last week was made to suggest that under the new government offence of corporate killing, company directors would be severely dealt with and, if convicted, fined personally or jailed. Mrs Trotter has asked us to make clear that the point she in fact made is that there is widespread misunderstanding of the Law Commission proposals on which the government offence is based and company directors will not personally face punishment.

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## Write yourself a winner

A TOTAL of £6,000 is on offer in this year's Times Law Awards, held with One Essex Court, the chambers of Anthony Grahner, QC.

There is still time for students to submit articles of no more than 1,000 words on: *Privacy and the press: is law the answer?* First prize is £3,000, second £2,000 and third, £1,000. Three runners-up will each receive £250. The Human Rights Bill — which will pave the way for

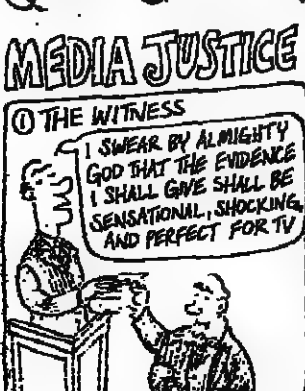
counts to create a privacy law — has now been published. Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, has made clear that courts are under a "clear duty" to take up this role. But the first few rulings will be crucial in determining where judges are likely to draw the line.

● Full details and rules via 0171-583 2000 or see Law, October 14, or The Times Website at: <http://www.the-times.co.uk>



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Promoting change: Lincoln Crawford, chairman of the Bar race relations committee, and Margaret McCabe, organiser of the Women Lawyers' Conference

Frances Gibb reports on the barriers to ethnic minority progress in the profession

## The cement ceiling

We are comfortable now with Asian barristers," a chambers clerk said recently. "But as for Afro-Caribbean ones — we're just not ready for them. The clients wouldn't like it."

The tale is told by Lincoln Crawford, the chairman of the Bar's race relations committee; and it shows, he says, that ethnic minority lawyers still face not so much a glass ceiling as a cement roof. The obstacles are, he comments, there at every stage of a legal career — from law school and examinations, to entry point into law firm or chambers and, finally, when it comes to promotion to the bench.

But the problems are coming out into the open. For the first time, the legal profession and the Government are joining on November 29 for an unprecedented public debate of the issues. The 1997 Minority Lawyers' Conference, *New Generation: New Challenges*, the first of its kind, takes place under the aegis of the Law Society, Bar Council and Lord Chancellor's Department, with the Lord Chancellor —

Lord Irvine of Lairg — giving the keynote address.

That it will happen at all is a tribute to the barrister Margaret McCabe, who also organised the highly successful Women Lawyers' Conference. To bring together the profession with the various organisations into a mainstream event has not, she admits, been easy. But the enthusiasm was there. The aim, she says, is not to have a big whinge about problems but to "produce ideas and strategies so that minority lawyers can succeed and rise through the ranks of the legal profession."

Mr Crawford agrees. "You can't talk about a multicultural society when there are whole swaths of areas in the legal profession where black people cannot participate at all," he says. He points out that while minority lawyers are found in the Government legal service, Crown Prosecution Service and local government, they are not found to the same extent in private practice — and scarcely at all in the judiciary. There are no black High Court judges; and only four

out of 552 (0.7 per cent) recorded among the circuit judges.

The focus will be on action: how to develop a modern practice, play a part in the decision-making of the legal profession, forge contacts, break into new areas of work and progress up the ladder. A continuing problem is the size of the pool from which candidates are drawn. Law Society figures show that in July 1996, ethnic minority solicitors with a practising certificate comprise 4.1 per cent of the 68,000 practising solicitors; and nearly all have less than ten years' experience. The proportion is, however, growing.

They make up almost 20 per cent of trainees and nearly 25 per cent of entrants to law degree courses. At the Bar, latest figures show 13 per cent of pupils and squatters (barristers with no chambers placed) and 8 per cent of barristers in independent practice are of minority origin.

But there is evidence that the pool is smaller than it should be — witness the comment of the clerk above. Mrs McCabe argues: "There are some preferred sets of

chambers, for instance, that get the CPS briefs, so we need to change the criteria for being a preferred set. If you don't get the work, you don't have the experience that puts you in the frame to apply for promotion."

More, they believe, could be done by the Lord Chancellor's Department to trawl for candidates; and to look more imaginatively at who might qualify. They do not want positive discrimination but positive action. "There needs," Mr Crawford says, "to be some action centrally, some direct intervention, as Tony Blair did with women MPs — to make a difference." They are nevertheless adamant that ability is the touchstone. Mrs McCabe says: "We do not want anyone to be given a job because of the colour of their skin. What we are saying is these people can do the job; just give them the chance."

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## The convicted rapist feels unlucky — rarely guilty

Should Parliament prevent a victim's sexual history being raised in court?

Extensive coverage of the lengthy cross-examination of two rape victims by their attacker has drawn attention to the ordeal that victims routinely face in court. But the response of the Government, some academics and the media invoke victims' rights at the expense of defendants' rights. Preventing defendants from representing themselves sets a dangerous precedent, and at the same time sidesteps the refusal of the criminal justice system to arrest, investigate and convict violent men. That is, it undermines civil rights, yet changes nothing for women.

The reality is that though more women than ever now report rape, convictions have fallen from 25 per cent of reported cases in 1985 to less than 10 per cent in 1994. A third are not even recorded by the police as crimes; and four fifths of those recorded are dropped before trial.

Women making an initial complaint are still likely to face sexist indifference, racism or other hostility; inaccuracy in recording a statement; ineffective gathering of evidence; inadequate and even brutal forensic medical examinations; notorious reluctance to prosecute by the CPS; and in the minority of cases that reach court, a trial that many describe as a "second rape". No wonder only one in 200 rapes results in conviction. Convicted rapists feel unlucky, not guilty.

The problem is not that defendants have too many rights but that victims have too few. Defendants who defend themselves and who badger and intimidate the witness are a tiny minority. Politicians and the media have rarely protested about defence barristers trawling through a woman's irrelevant sexual, medical and other history.

The 1991 criminalisation of rape in marriage finally established that the issue in every rape trial where identity is not in doubt is consent, not whether a woman slept with the accused or any other man on any other occasion. This basic principle, hard won by years of women's campaigning, seems always under threat. Judges have the discretion to protect witnesses from tortuous questioning; yet they too often allow questions irrelevant to consent. A woman's sexual history is no more relevant to a rape case than previous

convictions of the accused. In addition, rape victims are not represented in court; they never meet the prosecution lawyers before the trial, and often find "their" lawyers careless, ill-prepared and prejudiced.

Proposals to hold trials without the victim being present, such as the Home Secretary's proposal of video links or written statements, are also dangerous. Unlike children who need shielding from the incomprehensible trauma of giving evidence in person, most adults want their "day in court". The two women who, with our help and that of two other women's groups, successfully brought the first private prosecution for rape in England, wanted to tell their story, and to get public recognition and official condemnation of the wrong they had suffered. They did not want to be put on trial for a crime of which they were the victim.

The fact that, increasingly, reported rapes do not fit the stereotype of dark alley-stranger-knife reflects rising expectations that women need not accept unwanted sex. That the rapist was a date, a trusted friend or a partner does not make rape easier to bear or harder to prove. The sensational media coverage of "date rape", with its so-called false allegations, has been the occasion for some lawyers, academics and politicians to call for legal distinctions between rape by strangers and other forms of the assault. But accusing women of not knowing their own minds, sending "wrong signals", or having a natural propensity to lie, conveniently hides men's refusal to take no for an answer and the criminal justice system's refusal to prosecute effectively for it.

The obstacles women encounter also confront those in the police, the CPS and the courts who share our concerns. What is needed is a change of priorities at every stage of the criminal justice process. Parliament disallowing a victim's sexual history from being raised in court would be an important step in establishing yet again that in rape cases, consent is the issue.

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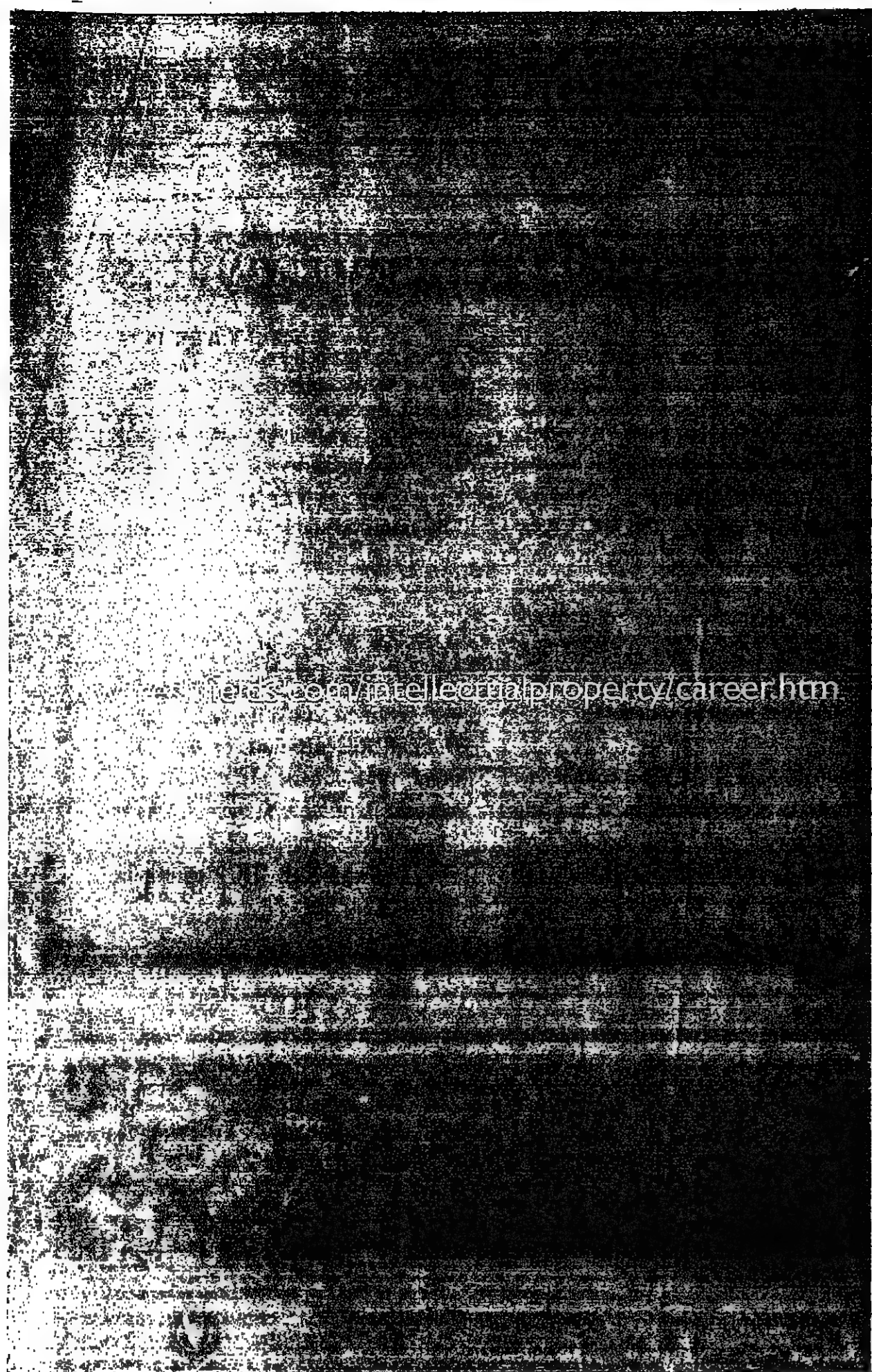
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- Likely to be aged under 35, you will be a qualified Chartered Secretary or Lawyer with at least 2 years' experience preferably gained within a quoted PLC.
- Your technical skills will be complemented by team-friendly personal qualities including diplomacy, good self-presentation, reliability and a willing and flexible approach to work.
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Brian Glanville casts his eye over the weekend's qualifiers for France

# World Cup party list nears completion

Chile pipped Peru on goal difference on Sunday to become the fourth team to qualify for the World Cup finals from the South American section. They will join Argentina, Colombia and Paraguay in France next summer.

The Chileans won 3-0 against Bolivia — never much of a team away from the heights of La Paz — in the ill-famed national stadium of Santiago, where so many political prisoners perished after the Pinochet revolution.

Seventy-five thousand spectators saw the game, in which no fewer than three Bolivians were sent off during the second half. However, Chile were already 2-0 up before the first sending-off.

Four minutes from time, after Carreña, the Chile substitute, had headed his team's third, he was kicked by Sanchez, of Bolivia, who became the third player shown the red card.

Marcelo Salas, the prolific Chile striker now with River Plate, of Buenos Aires, scored his team's second goal near half-time from the edge of the penalty area. He was watched by Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, whose interest in the player persists.

Argentina, already qualified, drew 1-1 in Buenos Aires with Colombia, who thrashed them there 5-0 in the 1994 World Cup eliminators. Valderrama put Colombia ahead; Caccese, the Argentine defender, equalised.

Daniel Passarella, the Argentina manager, has at last agreed to select Gabriel Batistuta, his best striker, after a nine-month stand-off. But Argentina are not a convincing team and Passarella may also have to reconsider his veto on Redondo, the Real Madrid midfielder player, who is out of favour, apparently because he refused to get his hair cut.

Terry Venables takes Australia to Tehran on Saturday for the first leg of the play-off with Iran for the one outstanding ticket to France. David Hill, the Australia federation president, said: "I couldn't think of a worse place to get to at short notice. It's a logistical nightmare."

No fewer than 16 of the Australia squad are playing in Europe. They left yesterday to get together in Dubai, where the rest of the team will join



Jamaica supporters celebrate qualification for France. They booked their tickets with a 0-0 draw against Mexico on Sunday. Photograph: John Kuntz

them from Singapore. It has not yet been decided when the players will cross the border into Iran.

The Australian federation does, however, plan to charter a plane to get its players out of Tehran as quickly as possible; the return leg is scheduled to take place in Melbourne on Saturday week.

The Iranians lost their qualifier in Malaysia to Japan on Sunday night, though they were leading 2-1 until late on. A "golden goal" decided the

contest in extra time, scored by Masayuki Okano in the 25th minute of "sudden death".

This was an enormous relief to the Japanese, who qualified as a result and who will be staging the 2002 World Cup jointly with South Korea. The J League, already suffering from diminished attendances, could well have collapsed had the national team failed to reach France.

Japan can, however, play some elegant football. Mutsaers, a forward who learnt his trade

with Santos in Brazil, took a huge pay cut to play, unsuccessfully, in Italy with Genoa. He nevertheless remains a player of great ability.

Jamaica celebrated qualification with a national holiday. Had all those who wanted to get into the stadium done so on Sunday, instead of the 35,000 who did, the crowd at the goalless draw with Mexico would undoubtedly have been trebled in size.

Jamaica's English contingent — Deon Burton, of Derby

County, and Fitzroy Simpson and Paul Hall, both of Portsmouth — have undoubtedly transformed the team, but there is plenty of local talent. Robbie Earle, the Wimbledon midfielder player, gets on only as a substitute.

Mexico left seven of their regular team out of the game in Kingston, having already qualified as the winners of the Concacaf group, but it is significant that they have only been able to draw their last three World Cup qualifiers.

What is more, two of them, against the United States and Costa Rica, took place in Mexico City, at whose breathless heights the Mexicans ought to enjoy an advantage.

Bora Milutinovic, the Mexico manager — who managed the United States in the 1994 World Cup, Costa Rica in 1990 and Mexico themselves in 1986 — is under heavy fire. Something has gone wrong with his team, but it looks as though the manager will be allowed to try to put it right.

## Prospect of U-turn adds fizz to cup ties

By DAVID MADDOCK AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

WITH the Football League saying yesterday that it was "confident" that a plan to allow the Uefa Cup could be the prize for the winners of the Coca-Cola Cup this season, the six fourth-round ties to-night have an added appeal.

A League delegation travelled to Brussels last week for talks with officials from the European Commission about the decision of football's European governing body to withhold a place. "We have the full support of the EU," Chris Huh, a League spokesman, said. "We are confident not only that we will persuade Uefa to grant an automatic place in Europe for the Coca-Cola Cup winners, but that they will do it in time to allow this season's winners to play in Europe next season."

The news may come as a relief for Liverpool, who will surely be thinking that he is in a no-win situation this evening. His Liverpool side is expected comfortably to defeat Grimsby Town at Anfield, even though the Nationwide League second division team has already disposed of two FA Cuping Premiership sides.

Not only did they knock out Leicester City, the holders, but they also handed the departure of David Platt from Sheffield Wednesday with a 4-3 aggregate victory. However, Alan Buckley, their manager, said that it was unfair to think that Everton could suffer the same fate.

"This game is taking on an incredible air because of the pressure we are supposed to be putting on Liverpool," he said. "It is ridiculous and totally unjustified. Fans seem to want instant action, but they must learn to be patient."

Armed with again field a shadow side for their tie against Coventry City at Highfield, Arsenal, Owen and Villa are injured. Seaman, Wright, Winterburn and Grimsby's Preece, who was suspended and then sent to international duty.

Coventry will be at full strength apart from Neil Whelan and John Salinas, who have long-term injuries. Darren Huckerby, the striker, has recovered from a thigh strain.

## Sultan feels lure of English football

By DAVID MADDOCK

PETER JOHNSON, the Everton chairman, is prepared to sell the Merseyside club, but only if a prospective buyer meets his asking price of £70 million. There is, however, one man looking to buy into football who is quite capable of meeting such a fee — the Sultan of Brunei.

Johnson, heavily criticised by Everton supporters recently, has already turned down one offer of £50 million for his stake in the club he purchased for £20 million two seasons ago. Yesterday, he dismissed reports of a possible sale, but it is understood that he would be prepared to sell at a figure above the present City valuation — around £50 million.

Two potential purchasers have refused to meet that figure, but the Sultan — and his cousin, the Prince of Brunei — is actively seeking to buy a football club in England, and has recently been approached about Everton by a third party.

The Prince is a sports fanatic and employs Jim Pearson, the former Everton forward, as a consultant to coach his private team and arrange visits from top sportsmen to the kingdom.

The Prince has asked for a list of English clubs that might be available for sale and he is also investigating the potential of Manchester City, Coventry City and Queens Park Rangers.

The Sultan is one of the richest men in the world, but despite his great wealth, it is unlikely that a deal could be brokered at Johnson's present asking price. The Sultan, together with the Prince, is more likely to concentrate on a comparatively undervalued club such as Manchester City.

Dean Jones, the Barnsley defender, has become the latest player to fall a drugs test. Jones, 20, tested positive after traces of amphetamine were discovered in a random test at the club's training ground on October 27.

He has been charged with misconduct by the FA and was immediately suspended with the agreement of Barnsley, pending his appearance before a disciplinary commission, likely to take place within the next few weeks.

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# Out of control on the highway of hyperbole

If you're not an expert about what happens under a bonnet (the Austin-Healey type, rather than Jane Austen), then when you watch a programme like *The Car's The Star* (BBC2), which is peppered with jargon about V8s and differentials, you always come away not knowing the answer to the one technical question that is uppermost in your mind: namely, is Quentin Wilson demented?

Quentin — who plays Sundance Kid to Jeremy Clarkson's Butch Cassidy on *Top Gear* — gets very excited about cars. Last night he got excited about the Corvette.

But there always seems something unauthentic about Willson's fussy enthusiasm. Parity this is because Willson's excitement resembles that of the playground nerd who has just latched on to whichever craze all the cooler boys at school are currently hooked on. And partly it's because of the way Willson conveys his excitement: he

uses lots of words, but not necessarily in the right order.

"They say," he told us, "that if America could be expressed in terms of metal, plastic and chrome, it would look a lot like a Chevrolet Corvette." — "they," presumably, being the inmates of Willson's local lunatic asylum.

Already beginning to overact dangerously, he added: "For Americans this car is more sacred than JFK or the Declaration of Independence." Not as sacred, mind you, but more.

As for the delivery, it makes you wonder if Willson is the secret love-child born of a one-night stand between Alan Whicker and Jeremy Clarkson's mother. The stresses are in those places located only (expertly) by Whicker and (preposterously) by those train stewards who announce over the Tannoy that "the buffet car is now open for the sale of OF light refreshments."

If anyone still harboured any

doubts that Willson had bought a home-study course, six cassettes plus accompanying book containing step-by-step guide to Whicker diction, they only had to hear him say: "Make no mistake about it: Main Street America loves the Chevrolet Corvette. And it is because it is a star-spangled, patriotic statement that America, was, is, and will be larger than life. [allow for Whicker-style pause here]. And very, very, noisy."

As it happens, Willson also aims for a Whicker-style script. And misses. In the first programme of the series he called the E-type "a racing car in a miniskirt"; you don't need to be Freud to know that, if anything, it was a racing car in a posing pouch. This time he offered: "The Corvette 1959 shows us an America so gorged on pleasure it had forgotten the itch of desire."

Like a car with the accelerator

down to the floor, Willson's hyperbole soon gained frightening speed. "The 65 Stingray has just inserted your own stresses at random intervals" the market like a thunderbolt. These were the Cold War years, remember. This car was perfect for a belligerent American psyche. Something that looked like it could be put in a rocket launcher and aimed at Moscow. But then the hyperbole needle swings so far

to the right that it slaps the end of the dial: "If you want to understand about America and Americans, then here you go. Six generations of her favourite icon. And it's all here: America's power, her paranoia, her confidence, optimism, wealth and isolationism. The Chevrolet Corvette tells us more about the American way than a whole freight train of history professors." Hello?

I only hope Willson was sensible enough to call a taxi rather than drive himself home after swallowing whatever it was that produced that fantastic hallucination.

But Channel 4's *Movers and Shakers: Car Wars* showed us that not all men are so pathetic that they will spend their adult lives revving sports cars up and down motorways. Some men are so pathetic that they will spend their adult lives revving sports cars up and down their bedrooms. Scalextric (motor: "The game that's

always spelt wrong") is motor-racing for men who ache to drive around in an E-type picking up "chicks", but who settle for driving a three-inch long Ferrari that even a Barbie doll would snigger at.

It was easy to mock, which may be why the makers of this documentary did, especially when Richard Hardie in South Wales told them that his 1,000 Scalextric cars had provided "a very important stability in my life. When things go up and down, you can lose yourself, you can be Graham Hill. My wife thinks I'm a complete idiot." She's not the only one.

As the cameras sifted the Indian sub-continent for a few jewels of wildlife — some langur monkeys here, elephants swimming there, a snow leopard in the Himalayas — Thapar told us that he has been tracking India's tigers for many years, "yet I still thrill to the splendour of these magnificent beasts". It takes a while for your ear to get used to the sound of a traveller on television who can still "thrill to the splendour" of anything without feeling self-conscious or lending the phrase an ironic, smart-alec undertone.

The photography is bewitching. It's possible that once in the remaining five weeks of this series, Thapar will look us in the eye and say coolly: "It's all here: India's power, her paranoia, her confidence, optimism, wealth and isolationism. The tiger tells us more about the Indian way than a whole freight train of history professors." But I doubt it.

## REVIEW

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## BBC1

- 8.00am Business Breakfast (20505)
- 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (25963)
- 9.00am Cart Cook, Won't Cook (T) (551356)
- 9.25 Style Challenge (552521)
- 9.50 Kilroy (T) (562107)
- 10.30 Change That (563875)
- 10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (781025)
- 11.35 Real Rooms (564906)
- 12.00 News (T) and weather (560057)
- 12.05pm Call My Bluff (312875)
- 12.35 Give Us A Clue (222654)
- 1.00 News (T) and weather (560050)
- 1.30 Regional News (56340166)
- 1.40 The Weather Show (5691031)
- 1.45 Neighbours (T) (4435499)
- 2.05 Quilley (T) (2913944)
- 2.55 Wogan's Best of Blimsky Blank (7930437)
- 3.30 Playdays (411759) 3.50 Arthur (715553) 4.15 Fudge (561018) 4.35 It's News (567778) 4.50 Newsround (T) (5421012) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (5674012)
- 5.35 Neighbours (T) (T) (430489)
- 6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (563)
- 6.30 Regional News (563)
- 7.00 Hallelujah: The Centre of the Earth, Fort Lauderdale, the Colowicks and the Isle of Wight (T) (5296)
- 7.30 EastEnders: The two women in Ian's life threaten to tear him apart (T) (147)
- 8.00 Mysterians with Carol Vorderman: Featuring a man who dreams about the winner of the Grand National and won a fortune (T) (4944)
- 8.30 A Question of Sport: Chelsea's Frank Leboeuf, athlete Kelly Holmes, boxer Steve Collins and golfer Darren Clarke join captains John Parrott and Ally McColist (T) (3079)
- 9.00 News (T) and weather (5631)
- 9.30 Rory McGrath's Commercial Breakdown: A look at celebrities using curdly animals. Last in series (T) (51321)
- WALLES: 9.30 Week in, Week Out (51321) 10.00 Rory McGrath's Commercial Breakdown (52944) 10.30 One Foot in the Grave (51692) 11.00 Aunty: The Inside Story of the BBC (515505) 12.00 News (525177) 2.05 BBC News 24 (525242)
- 10.00 One Foot in the Grave: The Melvins return from an overseas holiday to find their home has been burnt to the ground (T) (52944)
- 10.30 **Aunty** — The Inside Story of the BBC's insight into the BBC's so-called golden years, 1970 to 1980, which saw conflict with the Conservative Government and the introduction of some of the BBC's classic programmes, including *Yes Minister*, *Fawlty Towers*, *EastEnders* and *Radio 4's Today*. Last in series (T) (311470)
- 11.35 Once Around (511) Romantic comedy about an Italian-American woman (Holly Hunter) who falls for pushy salesman Richard Dreyfuss during a Caribbean trip. Directed by "Lasse" Hallstrom (48531) Followed by Weather
- 1.30am BBC News 24 (55033)

**VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCode**

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## BBC2

- 8.00am Arts: Victorians and the Art of the Past (41588) 8.30 Richard II (56963)
- 7.00 See Hear: Hearbeat News (T and signing) (5688073)
- 7.15 Teletubbies (T) (484296) 7.40 Smurfs: Adventures (5228437) 8.05 Blue Peter (T) (T) (284254) 8.30 Ciskei Dike (T) (4547789) 8.40 Rupert (T) (5631470) 8.45 The Record (5634215) 9.10 Practising Belief (504073) 9.25 See You, See Me (211470) 9.45 Numberline (4421944)
- 10.00 Teletubbies (T) (57215) 10.30 Watch (2058483) 10.45 Science Zone (2230712) 11.05 Space Ark (562234) 11.15 Mags & Mags (T) (555147) 11.25 History File (564938) 12.00 See Hear (T) (T) (56857)
- 12.30pm Working Lunch (56499) 1.00 Fiddley Foodie Bird (T) (567112) 1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour (5644107) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (5644107) 2.40 News (T) (5635125) 2.45 Westminster (T) (704057) 3.25 News (T) (569224) 3.30 The Village (T) (741)
- 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (876) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (T) (1799760) 4.55 Esther (563215) 5.30 Today's the Day (352)
- 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (T) (563876)
- 6.25 Heartbeat High (T) (564012)
- 7.10 The D Zone (217470)
- 7.30 From the Edge to depth reports on issues affecting disabled people (T) (789)
- 8.00 University Challenge: Oxford Brookes (T) (569224) 8.30 Food and Drink: Antony Wood-Thompson prepares spiced chicken breasts with lentils; reduced-alcohol drinks; and traditional Cumbrian dishes (T) (4321)
- 9.00 **Timewatch: The Gentlemen** — Splish! Those involved in the early years of MIS recall how their professional lives were shrouded in secrecy (T) (33295)
- 9.50 **Back to the Floor**: Lieutenant-General Sir Hew Pike samples life in an armoured personnel carrier (T) (51690)
- 10.20 **Best Friends**: Two women tell the story of their enduring friendship (T) (50433)
- 10.30 **Newsnight** (T) (178741)
- 11.15 **Seinfeld**: George and former classmate Elaine hit it off, but only after Jerry has a leading marine biologist (T) (21278)
- 11.40 **The Larry Sanders Show**: A clash of opinion threatens to bring the show to its knees (T) (433505)
- 12.00 **The Midnight Hour** (104583)
- 12.25 **Weather** (701819)
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